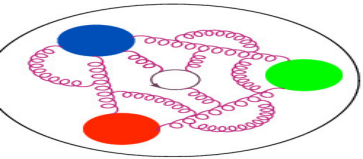


# Lattice QCD for EIC physics

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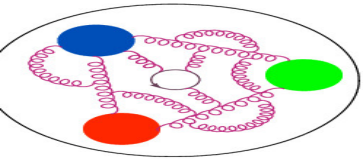
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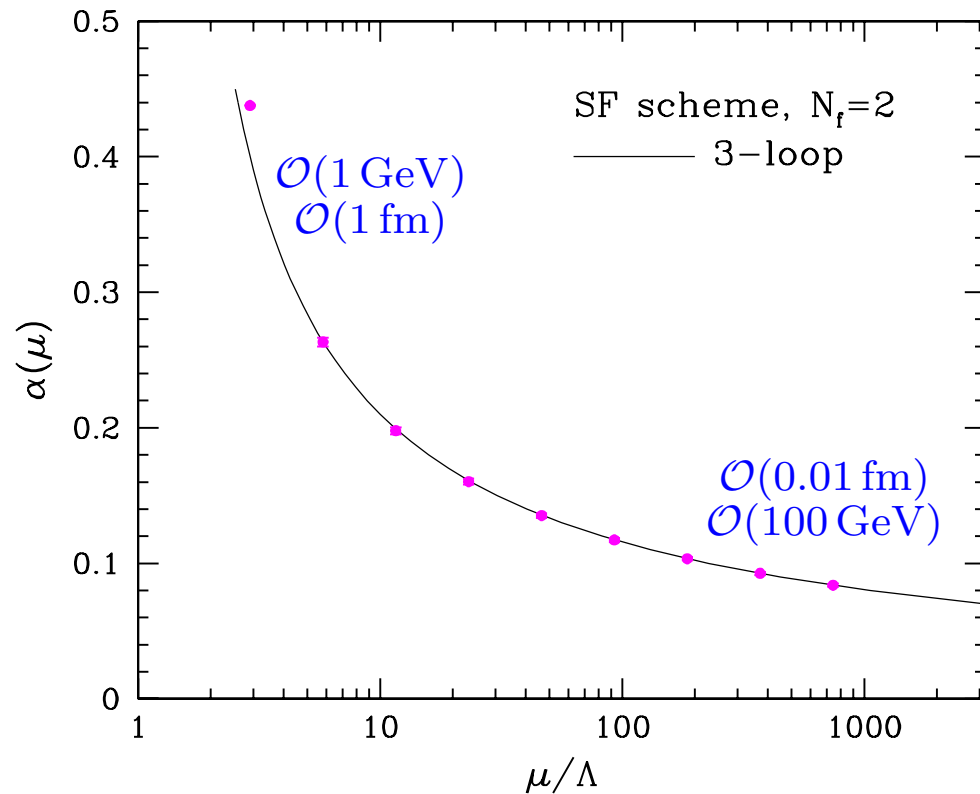
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1. Introduction to lattice QCD:
  - the need for lattice
  - discretization procedure
  - simulations
  - systematic effects
2. Hadron structure from lattice QCD:
  - how it can be addressed on the lattice
  - moments of PDFs/GPDs
    - nucleon spin decomposition
  - $x$ -dependence of PDFs/GPDs
3. Summary and prospects



# QCD and the need for the lattice

ALPHA Collaboration, 2004



The running of  $\alpha_s$  means that there are non-perturbative aspects of QCD.

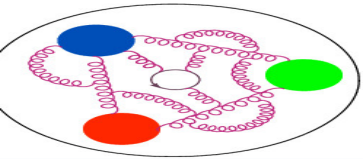
The non-perturbative aspects can be:

- ★ modeled phenomenologically
- ★ fitted from experiment  
e.g. factorization:

$$\sigma_{AB} = \sum_{a,b=q,g} \sigma_{ab} \otimes f_{a|A}(x_1, Q^2) \otimes f_{b|B}(x_2, Q^2)$$

- ★ accessed from first principles

$\Rightarrow$  LATTICE



# QCD and the need for the lattice

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- **Non-perturbative regime of QCD**  $\Rightarrow$  quantitative study needs **LATTICE**.

- **Starting point:** Lagrangian of QCD (*ab initio* method).

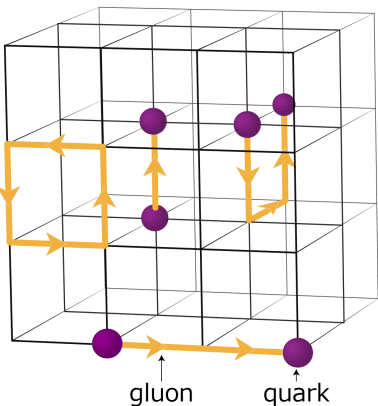
- **1st step:** quantize the theory – **Euclidean** path integral.

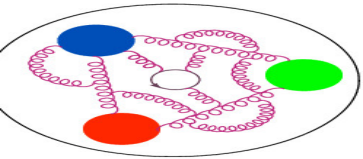
Minkowski path integral can not be used in practice – the phase factor  $e^{iS}$  would lead to oscillatory behavior.

Hence, it is replaced (analytical continuation) by a real-valued exponential  $e^{-S}$ .

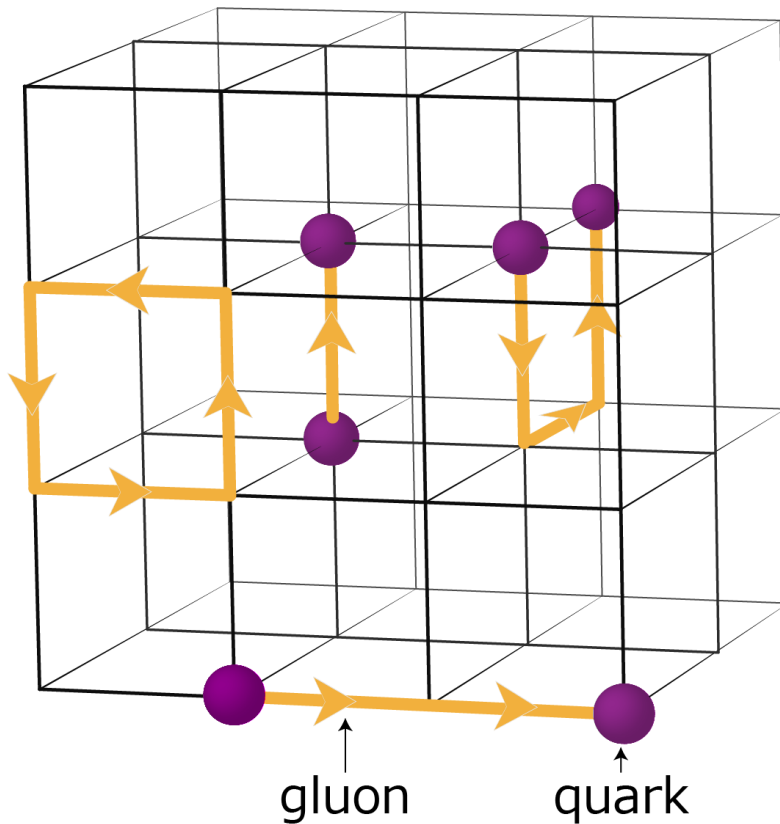
Formally, one then evaluates a thermodynamic expectation value with respect to the Boltzmann factor  $e^{-S}$ .

- **2nd step:** regularize the theory  $\rightarrow$  **finite space-time lattice** (**discretization** of the theory).



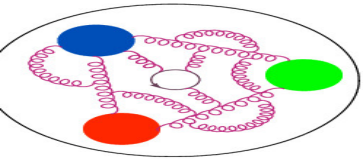


# Lattice formulation



Source: JICFuS, Tsukuba

- We introduce a 4D hypercubic lattice:
  - ★ quark fields on lattice sites,
  - ★ gluon fields on lattice links.
- Gauge invariant objects:
  - ★ Wilson loops,
  - ★ quarks and antiquarks connected with a gauge link.
- Lattice as a regulator:
  - ★ UV cut-off – inverse lat. spac.  $a^{-1}$ ,
  - ★ IR cut-off – inverse lat. size  $L^{-1}$ .
- Remove the regulator:
  - ★ continuum limit  $a \rightarrow 0$ ,
  - ★ infinite volume limit  $L \rightarrow \infty$ .



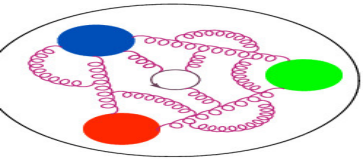
# Discretization of the action

- gluonic part – “easy” – gauge action constructed from Wilson loops of size 1x1 (plaquettes) and 1x2 (rectangles):

$$S_G[U] = \frac{\beta}{3} \sum_x \left( b_0 \sum_{\mu, \nu=1} \text{Re Tr}(1 - P_{x;\mu,\nu}^{1 \times 1}) + b_1 \sum_{\mu \neq \nu} \text{Re Tr}(1 - P_{x;\mu,\nu}^{1 \times 2}) \right),$$

where  $\beta = 6/g_0^2$ ,  $g_0$  is the bare coupling and the  $b_0, b_1$  parameters are normalized according to:  $b_0 = 1 - 8b_1$ .

$$-\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} + \mathcal{O}(a^2)$$



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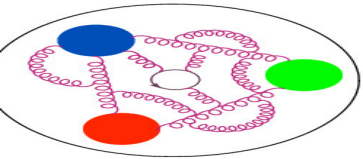
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- fermionic part – many subtleties and many used discretizations:
  - ★ clover fermions,
  - ★ twisted mass (TM) fermions
  - ★ overlap fermions,
  - ★ domain wall fermions,
  - ★ staggered fermions,
  - ★ other less popular.

**The non-uniqueness of discretization offers an opportunity of independent cross-checks!**

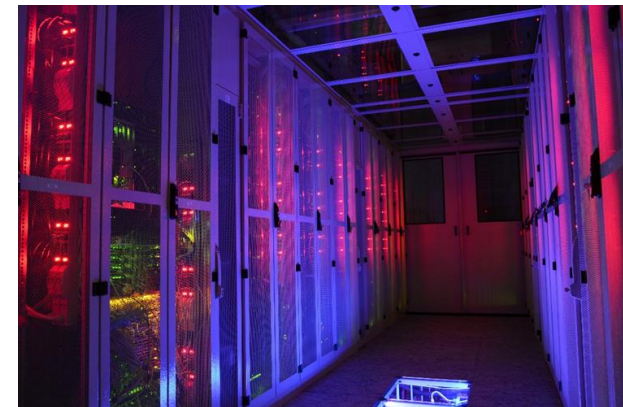


# Simulating QCD on the lattice

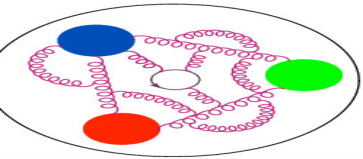
- Lattice QCD can be simulated on a (super)computer!
- QCD path integral:  $Z = \int DU e^{-S_{gauge}[U]} \prod_{f=1}^{N_f} \det(\hat{D}_f[U])$ .
- Multidimensional integral  $\Rightarrow$  Monte Carlo methods.
- How many dimensional integral?
  - ★ typical lattice size:  $48 \times 48 \times 48 \times 96$  to  $96 \times 96 \times 96 \times 192$ ,
  - ★ each lattice site needs 12 spin-color components.

This gives integral dimension of order  $10^8$ – $10^9$ !

- Huge computational resources needed!  
... and refined Monte Carlo simulation algorithms!
  - 2 main stages:
    - ★ generation of gauge ensembles –  $\mathcal{O}(100 - 1000)$  Mcore-hours
    - ★ calculation of observables –  $\mathcal{O}(1 - 1000)$  Mcore-hours
- single-core computer:  $\mathcal{O}(10000 - 100000)$  years!







# Systematic effects

Ultimately we are interested in continuum QCD.

The power of the lattice approach:

**the possibility to control ALL conceivable systematic effects:**

- discretization effects  $\leftrightarrow$  continuum limit
- finite volume effects  $\leftrightarrow$  infinite volume limit
- non-physical quark masses effects  $\leftrightarrow$  chiral extrapolation/simulation with physical masses
- number of active quark flavours  $\leftrightarrow$  simulate desired number of flavours
- isospin breaking  $\leftrightarrow$  take  $m_u \neq m_d$  + QED into account
- excited states effects  $\leftrightarrow$  optimize operators, increase temporal separation
- renormalization  $\leftrightarrow$  non-perturbative procedures
- ...

The degree of control over different systematic effects determines whether one has a *(quantitative) precision study* or a *(qualitative) exploratory study*.

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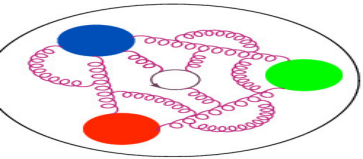
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# Precision vs. exploratory studies

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Two basic kinds of lattice QCD contributions:

- **Precision studies**

- ★ **quoted errors have fully quantified systematics,**
- ★ **some systematics can still be neglected if subleading,**
- ★ **can be meaningfully (quantitatively) compared to experiment.**

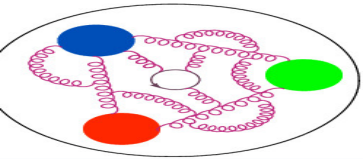
- **Exploratory studies**

- ★ **some important systematics still unknown,**
- ★ **in some cases it can be plausibly estimated,**
- ★ **can be qualitatively compared to experiment, but one needs to keep some things in mind.**

Naturally, more difficult problems are longer in the exploratory phase before robust quantitative statements can be made, since difficult problems need time to:

- find the proper way to address
- prove computational feasibility
- optimize the computational method
- acquire all data (long computations...)
- analyze all systematics

**Nucleon structure is mostly difficult and expensive computationally!**



# Hadron structure from lattice QCD

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Assume we have a set of gauge configurations and want to extract some hadron structure properties.

This needs the computation of matrix elements of the generic form:

$$\langle H(t_s) | \mathcal{O}(t_{\text{ins}}) | H(t_0) \rangle,$$

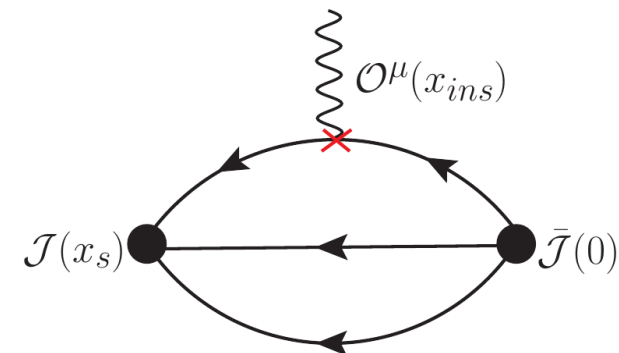
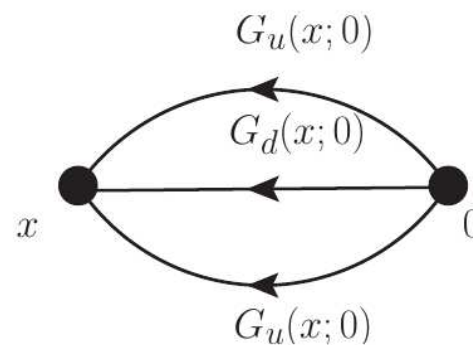
where:

$|H(t_0)\rangle$  – hadron state created at some (Euclidean) time  $t_0$ ,

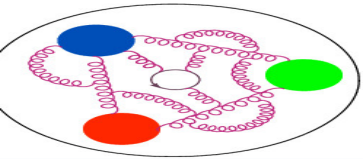
$|H(t_s)\rangle$  – hadron state annihilated at some time  $t_s$  (source-sink separation),

$\mathcal{O}(t_{\text{ins}})$  – operator inserted at some time  $t_{\text{ins}}$  (insertion time).

Such matrix elements are computed as suitable ratios of 2-point and 3-point correlation functions:



Source: K. Hadjiyiannakou, PhD thesis, Univ. of Cyprus 2015



## 2-point nucleon correlator

To extract the 2-point nucleon correlator, one needs to excite the nucleon from the vacuum and then annihilate it.

Nucleon interpolating operator:

$$N(x)_\alpha = \mathcal{P}^+ \epsilon^{abc} u(x)_\alpha^a \left( u(x)_\beta^b (C\gamma_5)_{\beta\gamma} d(x)_\gamma^c \right),$$

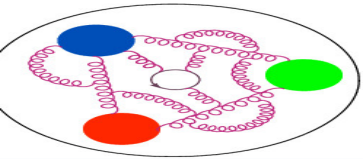
$\mathcal{P}^+ = \frac{1+\gamma_0}{4}$  – positive parity projector,

$\epsilon^{abc}$  – ensures that the interpolator is colorless and gauge-invariant,

$C = i\gamma_2\gamma_0$  – charge conjugation matrix.

Two-point correlator:

$$\begin{aligned} C_N(\vec{p}, t) &= \sum_{\vec{x}} e^{-i\vec{p}\cdot\vec{x}} \mathcal{P}_{\alpha\alpha'}^+ N(\vec{x}, t)_\alpha \bar{N}(\vec{0}, 0)_{\alpha'} \\ &= \sum_{\vec{x}} e^{-i\vec{p}\cdot\vec{x}} \mathcal{P}_{\alpha\alpha'}^+ (C\gamma_5)_{\beta\gamma} (C\gamma_5)_{\beta'\gamma'} \epsilon^{abc} \epsilon^{a'b'c'} G_d(x, 0)_{\gamma\gamma'}^{cc'} \\ &\quad \times \left( G_u(x, 0)_{\beta\beta'}^{bb'} G_u(x, 0)_{\alpha\alpha'}^{aa'} G_u(x, 0)_{\alpha\beta'}^{ab'} G_u(x, 0)_{\beta\alpha'}^{ba'} \right) \\ &= \sum_{\vec{x}} e^{-i\vec{p}\cdot\vec{x}} \epsilon^{abc} \epsilon^{a'b'c'} G_d(x, 0)_{\gamma\gamma'}^{cc'} \\ &\quad \times \left[ \text{Tr} \left( \left( (C\gamma_5 G_d(x, 0) (C\gamma_5)^T \right)^{cc'} \left( G_u^T(x, 0) \right)^{bb'} \right) \text{Tr} \left( (G_u(x, 0) \mathcal{P}^+)^{aa'} \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \text{Tr} \left( \left( \left( (C\gamma_5 G_d(x, 0) (C\gamma_5)^T \right)^T \right)^{cc'} (G_u(x, 0))^{ab'} (\mathcal{P}^+ G_u(x, 0))^{ba'} \right) \right) \end{aligned}$$

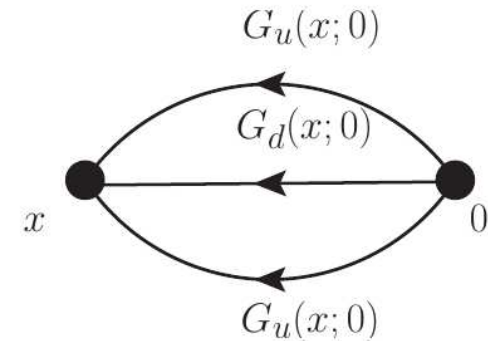


## 2-point nucleon correlator

Hence, to compute the 2-point correlator, one basically needs to know the **quark propagator from the source to all sink points**.

→ most costly part of the calculation.

One needs to invert the Dirac operator, i.e. solve  $D\psi = \eta$ , where  $D$  is of dimension  $10^8 - 10^9$ .



In the Heisenberg picture,  $N(\vec{x}, t) = e^{-\vec{P} \cdot \vec{x}} e^{Ht} N(\vec{0}, 0) e^{-Ht} e^{i\vec{P} \cdot \vec{x}}$ . Inserting a complete set of states,  $\sum_{\vec{p}, n} |n, \vec{p}\rangle \langle n, \vec{p}|$ , we obtain the zero-momentum correlator:

$$\begin{aligned} C_N(t) &= \sum_{\vec{p}, n} \sum_{\vec{x}} \left| \langle 0 | N(\vec{0}, 0) | n, \vec{p} \rangle \right|^2 e^{-E_n(\vec{p})t} e^{i\vec{p} \cdot \vec{x}} \\ &= \sum_n Z_0 e^{-E_0 t} \left( 1 + Z_1 e^{-\Delta E_1 t} + Z_2 e^{-\Delta E_2 t} + \dots \right), \end{aligned}$$

where  $Z_n = \left| \langle 0 | N(\vec{0}, 0) | n, \vec{0} \rangle \right|^2$  and  $\Delta E_n = E_n - E_0$ .

We have excited all baryons with quantum numbers of the nucleon!

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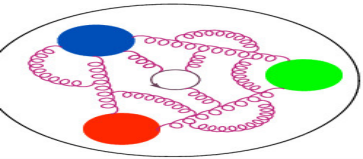
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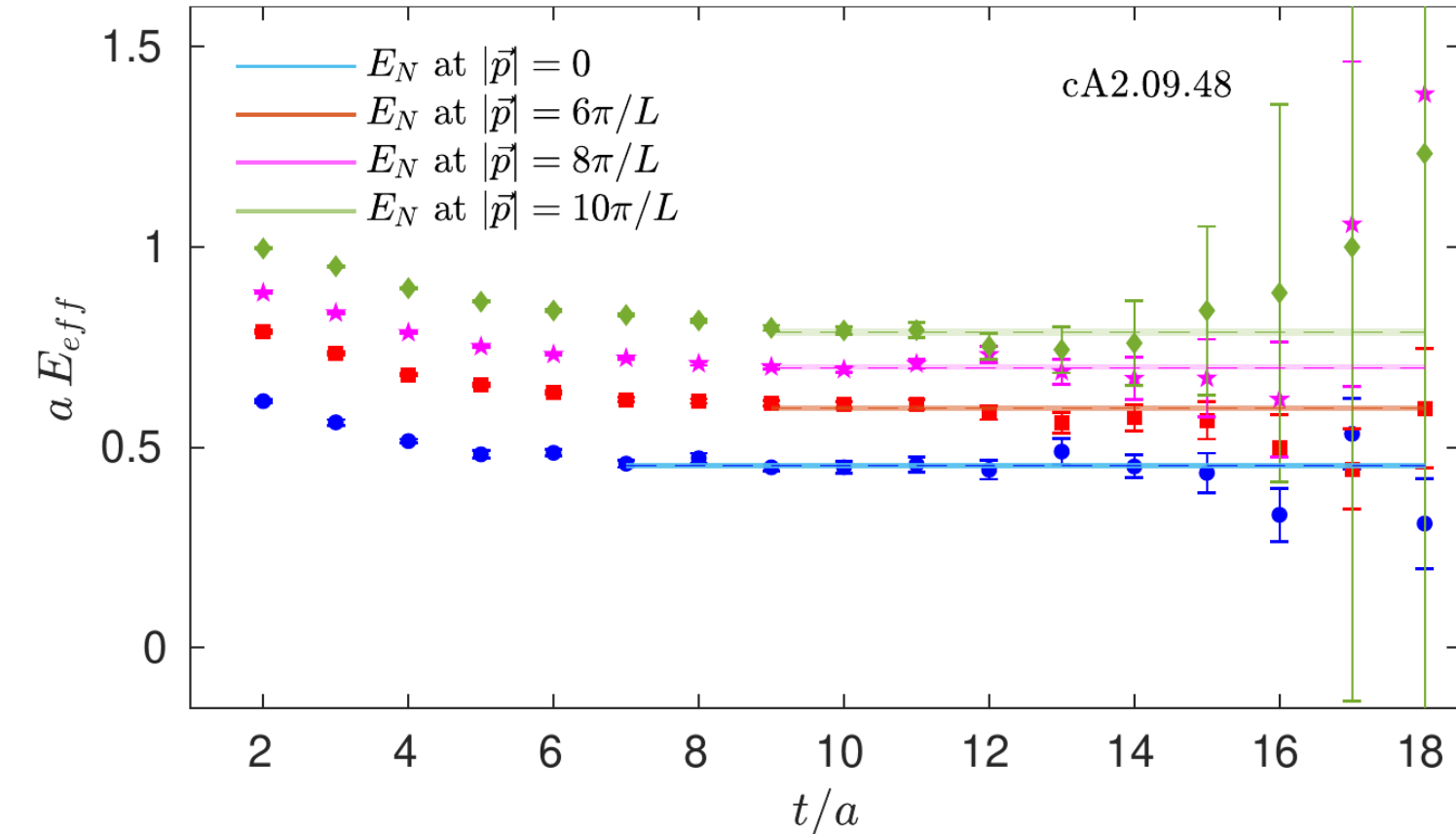
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# 2-point nucleon correlator

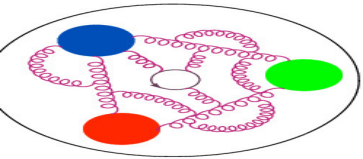
To suppress excited states, one needs to go to large Euclidean times:



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When boosting the nucleon:

- excited states contamination worsens,
- signal-to-noise ratio decreases ( $N_{meas} = 320, 9504, 38250, 72990$  in the plot).



# 3-point nucleon correlator

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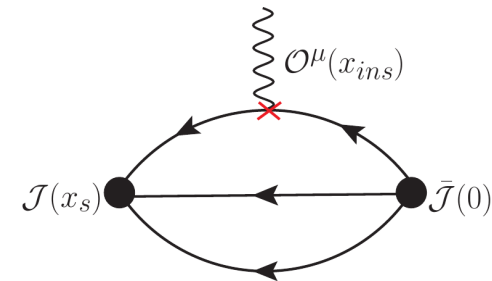
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Analogously, one can extract the 3-point correlator.

BUT: one needs to vary the **operator insertion** point and thus, one needs special techniques to calculate the **all-to-all quark propagator**.



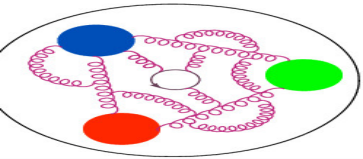
To have excited states under control, one needs to keep large separations:

- from the source to the sink –  $|t_s - t_0| \gg 0$ ,
- from the source to the insertion point –  $|t_{\text{ins}} - t_0| \gg 0$ ,
- from the sink to the insertion point –  $|t_s - t_{\text{ins}}| \gg 0$ .

If these conditions are satisfied, one can form a ratio and extract the desired matrix element:

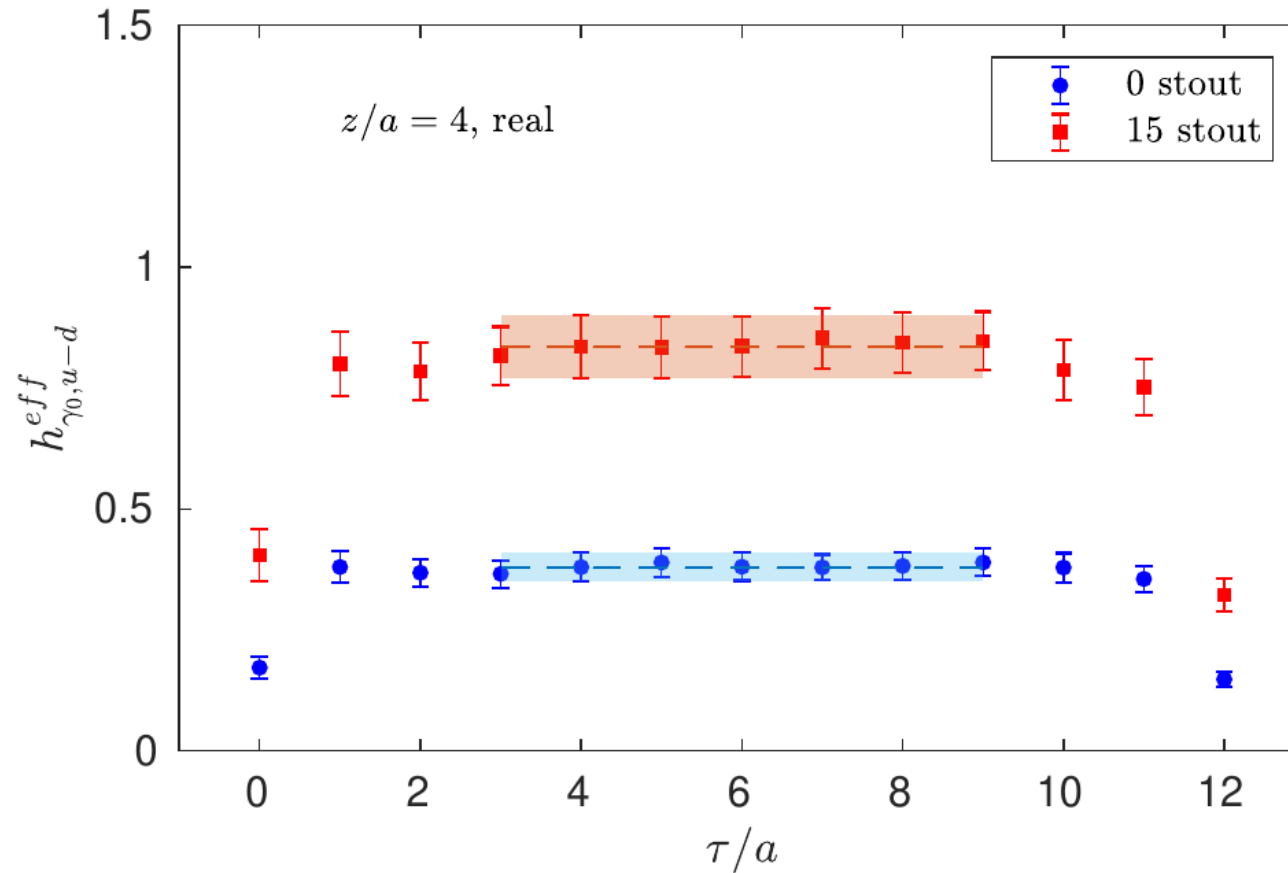
$$\langle H(t_s) | \mathcal{O}(t_{\text{ins}}) | H(t_0) \rangle = \mathcal{K} \frac{C_{3\text{pt}}(t_0, t_s, t_{\text{ins}})}{C_{2\text{pt}}(t_s - t_0)},$$

$\mathcal{K}$  – kinematic factor.



# 3-point nucleon correlator

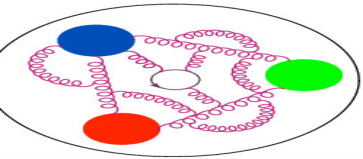
Example of thus extracted matrix element:



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- Good suppression of excited states indicated by the plateau in  $t_{ins}$ .
- Still, one needs to carefully check the dependence on  $t_s - t_0$ !





# Renormalization

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Matrix elements computed on the lattice are **finite**, because lattice serves as an IR and UV regulator.

However, taking a continuum limit one would in many cases observe that they **diverge**.

Hence, they require **renormalization**.

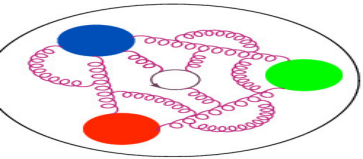
Options:

- $\overline{\text{MS}}$  – **NO!** Can't use dimensional regularization...
- perturbative renormalization – **YES, but undesirable**,
- non-perturbative renormalization – **PREFERRED WAY**.

Options for non-perturbative renormalization:

- Schrödinger functional,
- gradient flow,
- Ward identities,
- **regularization-independent momentum subtraction (RI/MOM)**,
- coordinate space (X-space) scheme,
- cancel divergences with a suitable ratio.

Renormalization factors perturbatively converted to the  $\overline{\text{MS}}$  scheme.



# RI/MOM renormalization

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Renormalization conditions (so-called RI' variant):  
for the operator:

$$Z_q^{-1} Z_O \frac{1}{12} \text{Tr} \left[ \mathcal{V}(p) (\mathcal{V}^{\text{Born}}(p))^{-1} \right] \Big|_{p^2 = \bar{\mu}_0^2} = 1 ,$$

for the quark field:

$$Z_q = \frac{1}{12} \text{Tr} \left[ (S(p))^{-1} S^{\text{Born}}(p) \right] \Big|_{p^2 = \bar{\mu}_0^2} .$$

- momentum  $p$  in the vertex function is set to the RI' renormalization scale  $\bar{\mu}_0$
- $\mathcal{V}(p)$  – amputated vertex function of the operator,
- $\mathcal{V}^{\text{Born}}$  – its tree-level value, e.g.  $\mathcal{V}^{\text{Born}}(p) = i\gamma_\mu \gamma_5$  for the axial current,
- $S(p)$  – fermion propagator ( $S^{\text{Born}}(p)$  at tree-level).

This prescription handles all divergences that are present and applies the necessary finite renormalization related to the lattice regularization.

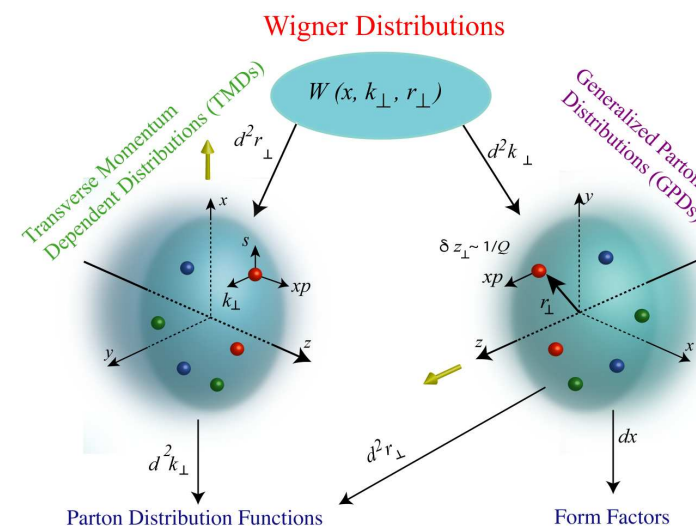
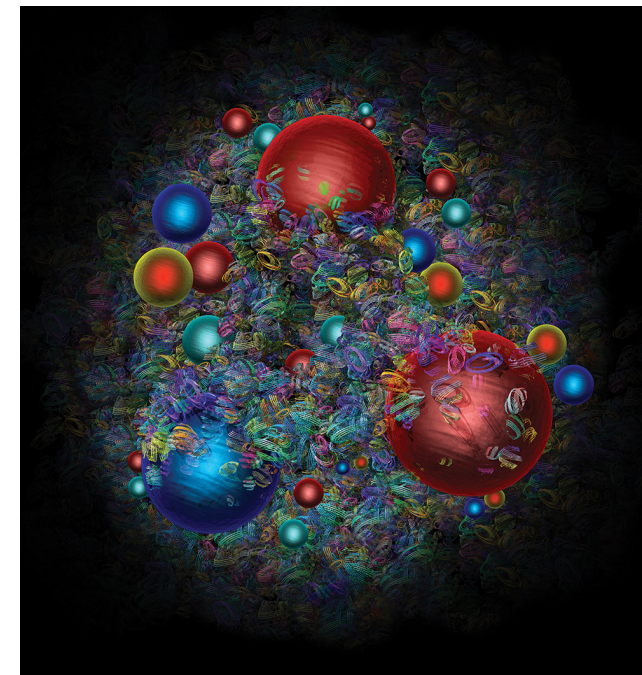


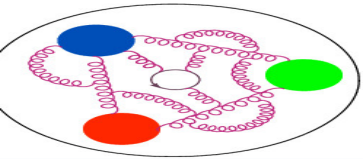
This has various aspects:

- how the quarks and gluons move inside the nucleon,
- 3D imaging of the nucleon – “hadron tomography”,
- role of gluons and their emergent properties,
- how is spin decomposed,
- origin of nucleon mass,
- ...

Lattice can provide *qualitative* and eventually *quantitative* knowledge of different functions and their moments:

- 1D: form factors
- 1D: parton distribution functions (PDFs)
- 3D: generalized parton distributions (GPDs)
- 3D: transverse momentum dependent PDFs (TMDs)
- 5D: Wigner function





# Moments of PDFs/GPDs on the lattice

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Moments of PDFs/GPDs are defined via matrix elements of local operators:

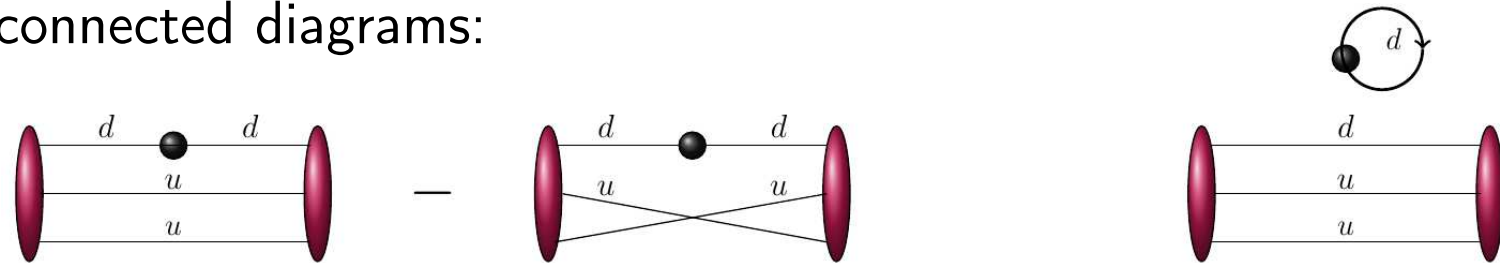
$$\int dx x^{n-1} f(x, Q^2, \mu^2) \propto \langle N(p', s') | \mathcal{O}^{\{\mu_1 \dots \mu_n\}} | N(p, s) \rangle \Big|_{\mu^2},$$

$|N(p, s)\rangle$  – nucleon with momentum  $p$  and spin  $s$ ,

operator:  $\mathcal{O}^{\{\mu_1 \dots \mu_n\}} = \bar{\psi} \left( \gamma^{\{\mu_1} i \overleftrightarrow{D}^{\mu_2} \dots i \overleftrightarrow{D}^{\mu_n\}} \right) \frac{\tau^a}{2} \psi$ .

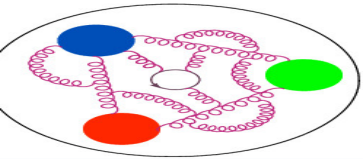
Important: flavor structure determined by the  $\tau$  matrix above.

Flavor-decomposed quantities require both quark-connected and disconnected diagrams:



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With degenerate light quarks (standard treatment so far), disconnected contributions cancel in isovector quantities, i.e.  $u - d$ .



# Case 1. Nucleon charges

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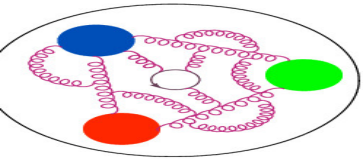
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Simplest case:  $n = 1$ , no momentum transfer  $p = p'$ .

- $\mathcal{O} = \gamma^\mu$  – vector  $\rightarrow$  trivial (vector current conservation),
- $\mathcal{O} = \gamma^\mu \gamma^5$  – axial charge  $g_A$ ,
- $\mathcal{O} = \sigma^{\mu\nu}$  – tensor charge  $g_T$ ,
- $\mathcal{O} = 1$  – scalar charge  $g_S$   
 $\sigma$ -terms:  $m_f \langle N | \bar{\psi}_f \psi | N \rangle$ .

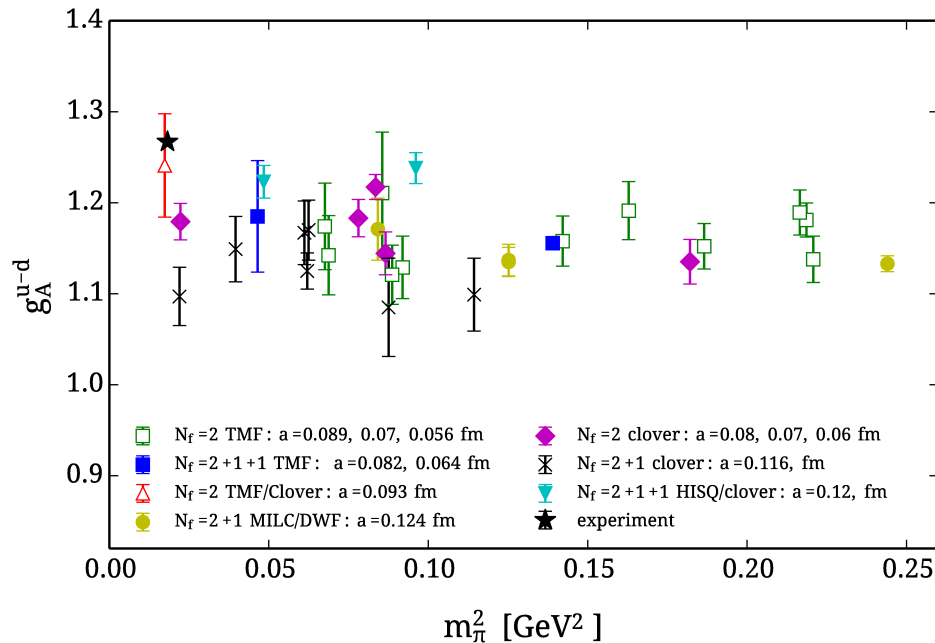
The isovector charges can be calculated very precisely on the lattice, with fully controlled systematics and total error at the percent level.

The flavor-decomposed ones more demanding computationally, but already within reach with  $\mathcal{O}(10\%)$  precision.



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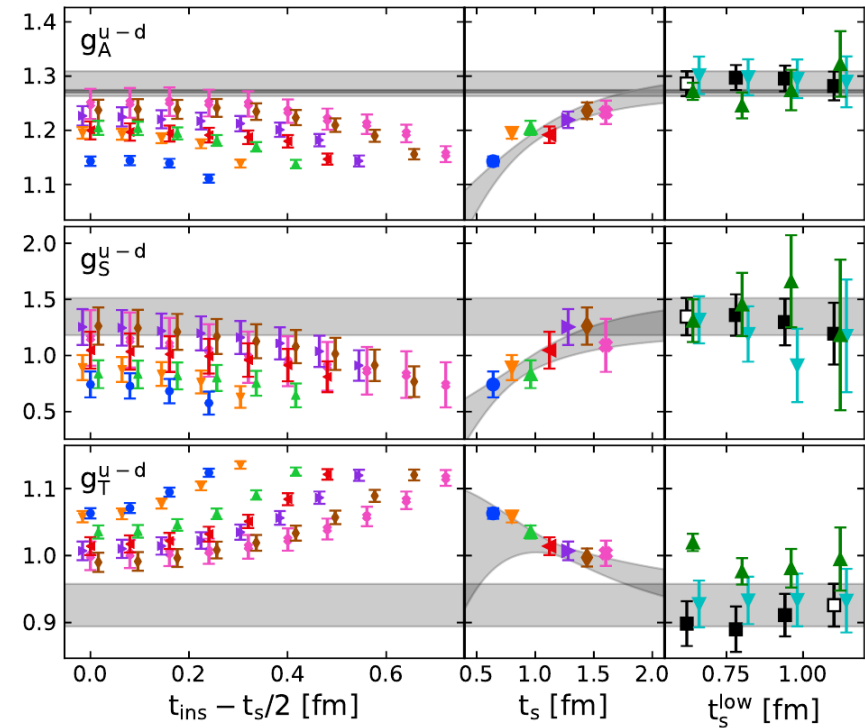
Actually, it was a long story to reproduce the experimentally well-determined  $g_A^{u-d}$ :



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Many systematic effects needed to be understood.

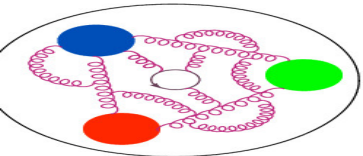
In particular, control over excited states turned out to be crucial.



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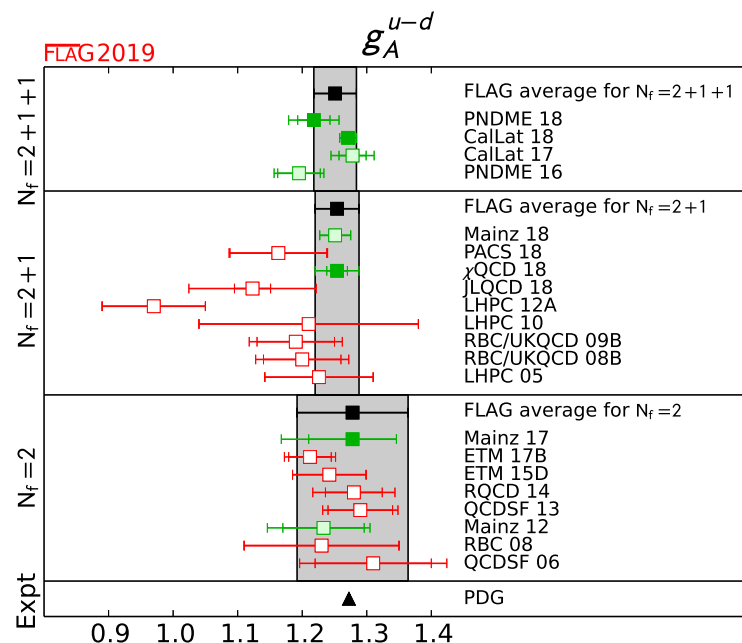
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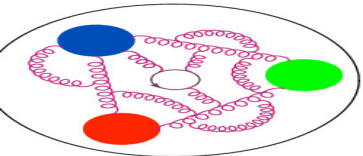
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## Flavour non-singlet

$$g_A^{u-d}$$



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PNDME 18 <sup>a</sup>	[84]	2+1+1	A	★ <sup>†</sup>	★	★	★	★	1.218(25)(30)
CalLat 18	[85]	2+1+1	A	○	★	★	★	★	1.271(10)(7)
CalLat 17	[830]	2+1+1	P	○	★	★	★	★	1.278(21)(26)
PNDME 16 <sup>a</sup>	[829]	2+1+1	A	○ <sup>†</sup>	★	★	★	★	1.195(33)(20)
Mainz 18	[914]	2+1	C	★	○	★	★	★	1.251(24)
PACS 18	[807]	2+1	A	■	■	★	★	■	1.163(75)(14)
χQCD 18	[6]	2+1	A	○	★	★	★	★	1.254(16)(30) <sup>§</sup>
JLQCD 18	[838]	2+1	A	■	○	○	★	★	1.123(28)(29)(90)
LHPC 12A <sup>b</sup>	[915]	2+1	A	■ <sup>†</sup>	★	★	★	★	0.97(8)
LHPC 10	[845]	2+1	A	■	○	■	★	■	1.21(17)
RBC/UKQCD 09B	[832]	2+1	A	■	■	○	★	■	1.19(6)(4)
RBC/UKQCD 08B	[831]	2+1	A	■	■	○	★	■	1.20(6)(4)
LHPC 05	[916]	2+1	A	■	■	★	★	■	1.226(84)
Mainz 17	[86]	2	A	★	★	★	★	○	1.278(68)( <sup>+0</sup> <sub>-0.087</sub> )
ETM 17B	[823]	2	A	■	○	○	★	★	1.212(33)(22)
ETM 15D	[821]	2	A	■	○	○	★	★	1.242(57)
RQCD 14	[818]	2	A	○	★	★	★	■	1.280(44)(46)
QCDSF 13	[399]	2	A	○	★	■	★	■	1.29(5)(3)
Mainz 12	[817]	2	A	★	○	○	★	○	1.233(63)( <sup>+0.035</sup> <sub>-0.060</sub> )
RBC 08	[917]	2	A	■	■	■	★	■	1.23(12)
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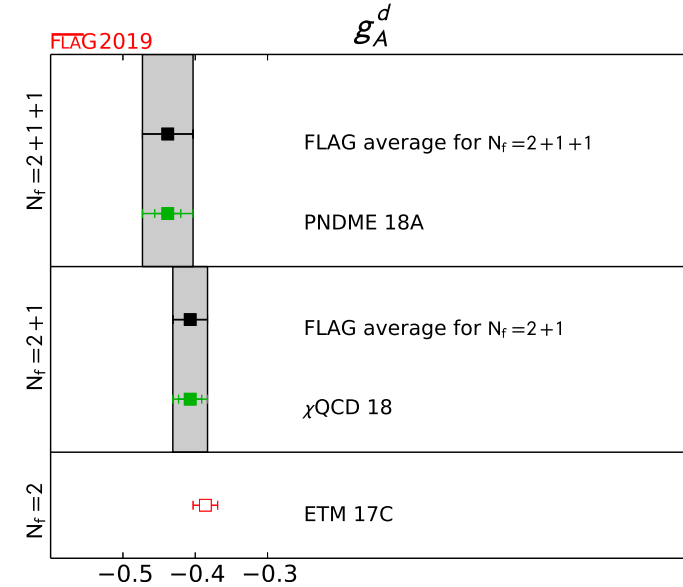
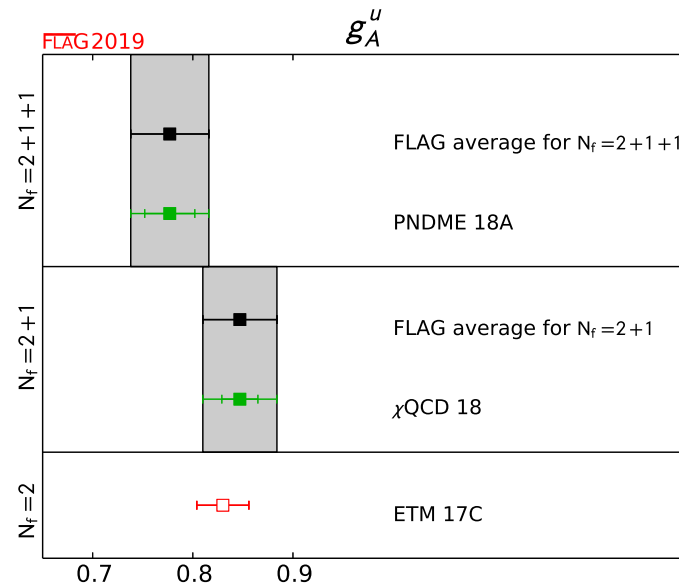
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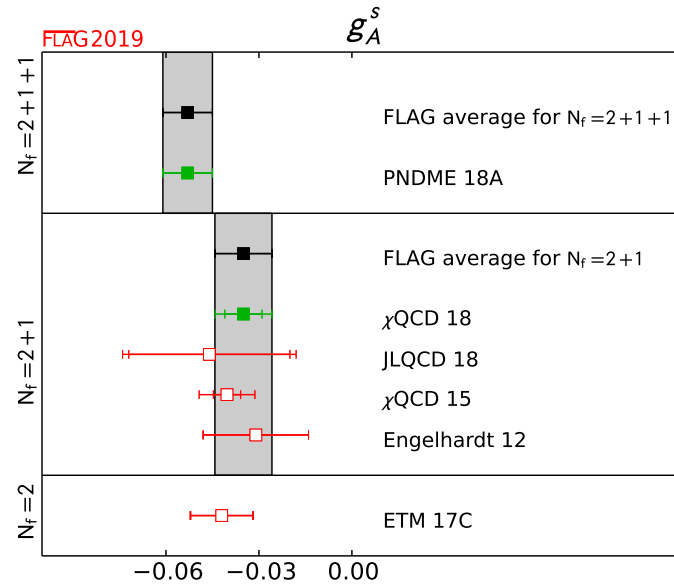
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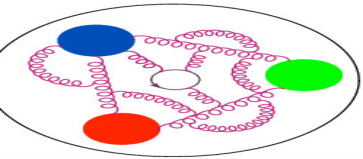


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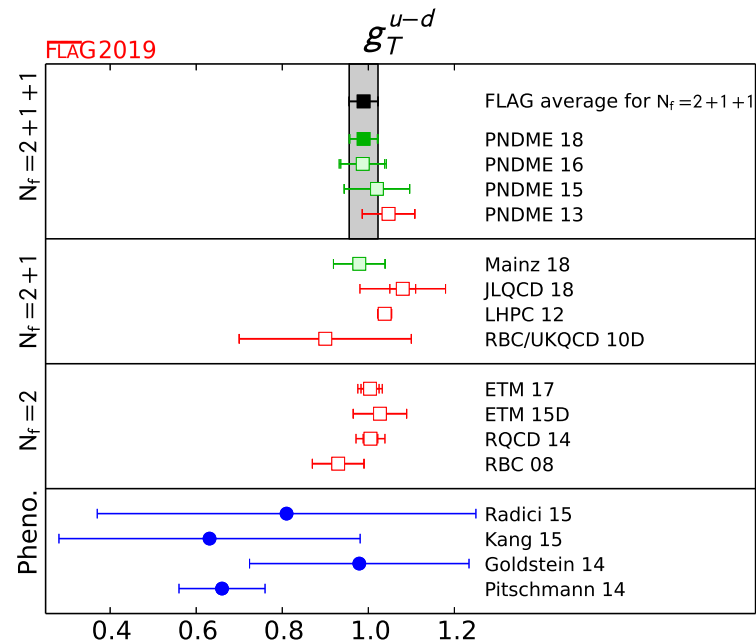
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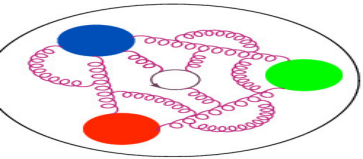
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PNDME 15	[827, 828]	2+1+1	A	○ <sup>‡</sup>	★	★	★	★	1.020(76)
PNDME 13	[826]	2+1+1	A	■ <sup>‡</sup>	■	★	★	★	1.047(61)
Mainz 18	[914]	2+1	C	★	○	★	★	★	0.979(60)
JLQCD 18	[838]	2+1	A	■	○	○	★	★	1.08(3)(3)(9)
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RBC/UKQCD 10D	[833]	2+1	A	■	■	○	★	■	0.9(2)
ETM 17	[825]	2	A	■	○	○	★	★	1.004(21)(2)(19)
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RQCD 14	[818]	2	A	○	★	★	★	■	1.005(17)(29)
RBC 08	[917]	2	A	■	■	■	★	■	0.93(6)

Flavour non-singlet

$$g_T^{u-d}$$



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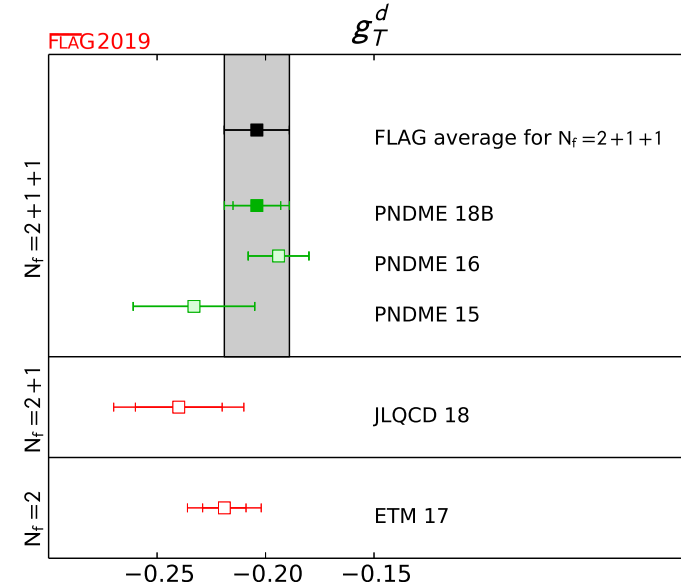
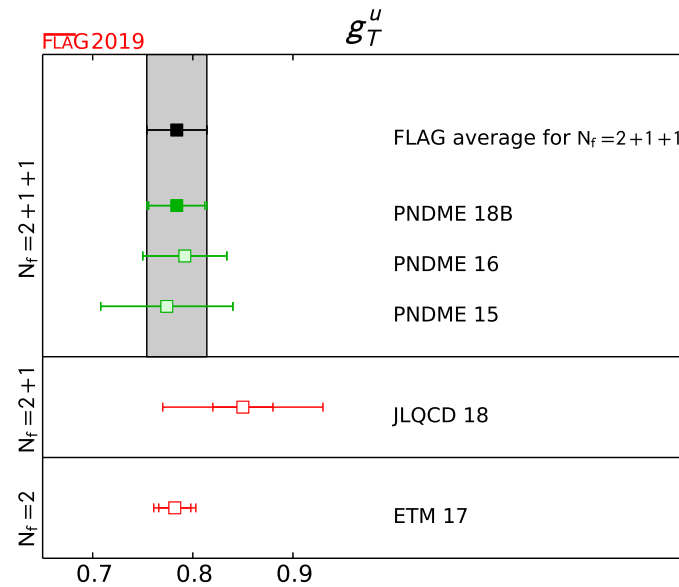
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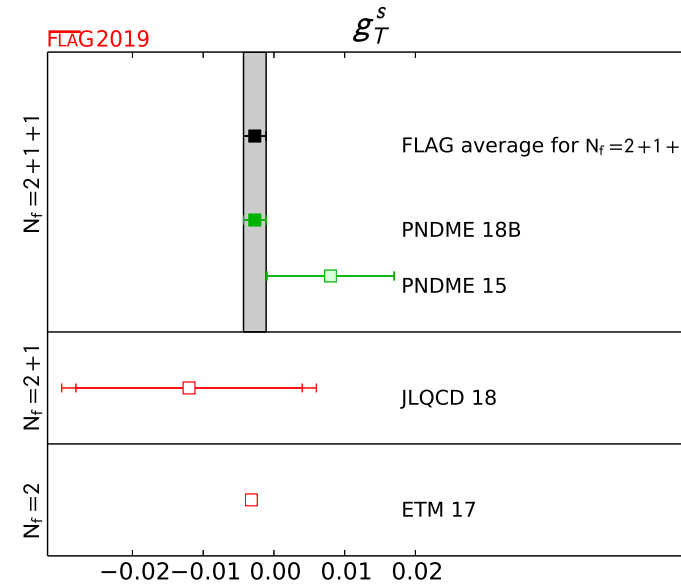
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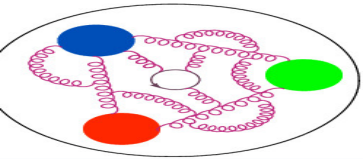
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$$\int dx x^{n-1} f(x, Q^2, \mu^2) \propto \langle N(p', s') | \mathcal{O}^{\{\mu_1 \dots \mu_n\}} | N(p, s) \rangle \Big|_{\mu^2},$$

$|N(p, s)\rangle$  – nucleon with momentum  $p$  and spin  $s$ ,  
operator:  $\mathcal{O}^{\{\mu_1 \dots \mu_n\}} = \bar{\psi} \left( \gamma^{\{\mu_1} i \overleftrightarrow{D}^{\mu_2} \dots i \overleftrightarrow{D}^{\mu_n\}} \right) \frac{\tau^a}{2} \psi.$

Case 2:  $n = 1$ , with momentum transfer  $Q^2$  ( $p \neq p'$ ).

Electromagnetic form factors:

$$\langle N(p', s') | \bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \psi | N(p, s) \rangle = \bar{u}(p', s') \left( \gamma^\mu F_1(Q^2) + \frac{i \sigma^{\mu\nu} Q_\nu}{2m_N} F_2(Q^2) \right) \frac{1}{2} u(p, s),$$

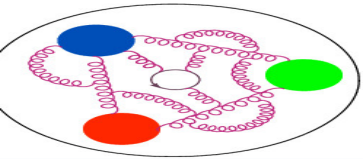
$F_1(Q^2)$  – Dirac FF,  $F_2(Q^2)$  – Pauli FF

Sachs FFs:  $G_E = F_1 + (Q^2/4m_N^2)F_2$ ,  $G_M = F_1 + F_2$ .

Axial form factors:

$$\langle N(p', s') | \bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \gamma^5 \psi | N(p, s) \rangle = \bar{u}(p', s') \left( \gamma^\mu \gamma^5 G_A(Q^2) + \frac{\gamma^5 Q^\mu}{2m_N} G_P(Q^2) \right) \frac{1}{2} u(p, s),$$

$G_A(Q^2)$  – axial FF,  $G_P(Q^2)$  – induced pseudoscalar FF



# Form factors and axial radius

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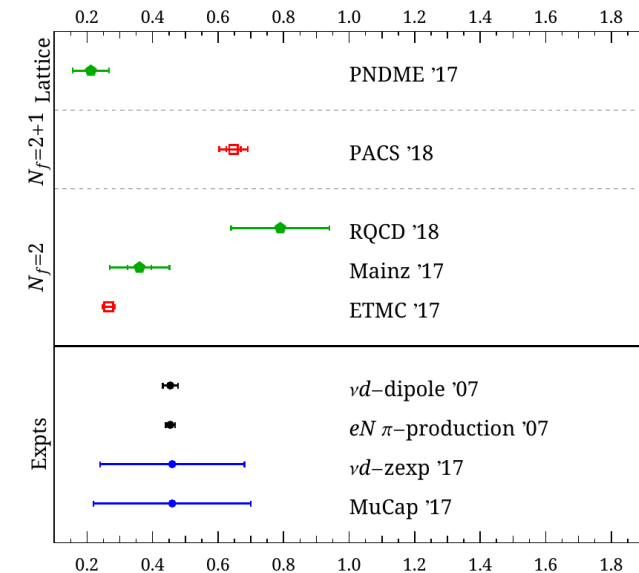
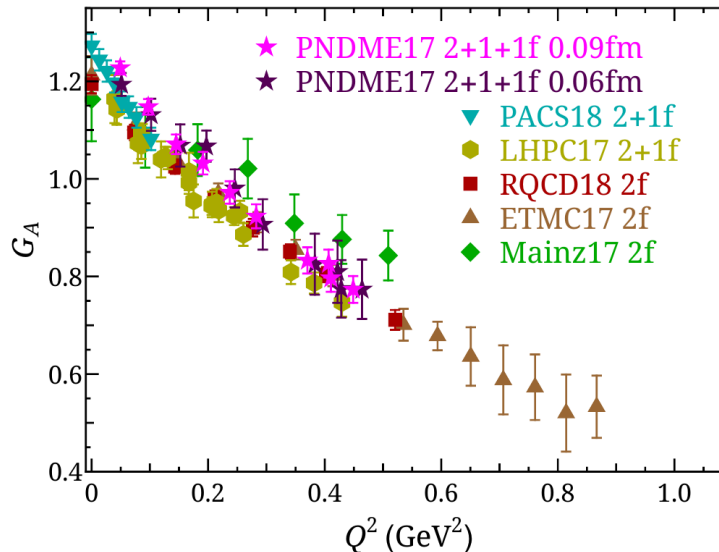
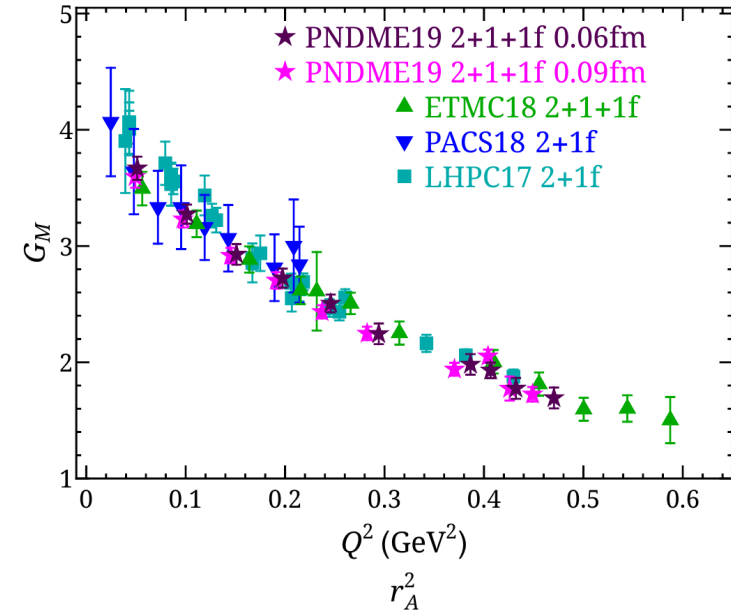
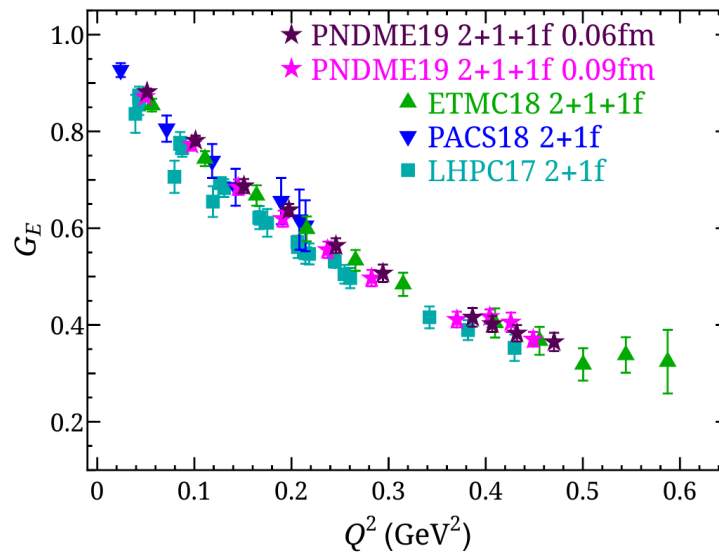
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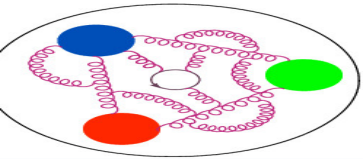
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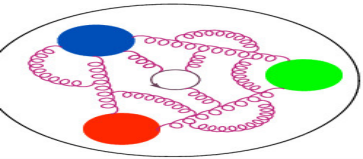
Case 3:  $n = 2$  (one-derivative operators), with momentum transfer  $Q^2$  ( $p \neq p'$ ), average momentum  $P = (p + p')/2$ .

Vector operator:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle N(p', s') | \bar{\psi} \gamma^{\{\mu} i \overleftrightarrow{D}^{\nu\}} \psi | N(p, s) \rangle = \bar{u}(p', s') \left( A_{20}(Q^2) \gamma^{\{\mu} P^{\nu\}} \right. \\ \left. + B_{20}(Q^2) \frac{i \sigma^{\{\mu\alpha} Q_{\alpha} P^{\nu\}}}{2m_N} + C_{20}(Q^2) Q^{\{\mu} Q^{\nu\}} \right) \frac{1}{2} u(p, s), \end{aligned}$$

Axial operator:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle N(p', s') | \bar{\psi} \gamma^5 \gamma^{\{\mu} i \overleftrightarrow{D}^{\nu\}} \psi | N(p, s) \rangle = \bar{u}(p', s') \left( \tilde{A}_{20}(Q^2) \gamma^{\{\mu} P^{\nu\}} \gamma^5 \right. \\ \left. + \tilde{B}_{20}(Q^2) \frac{Q^{\{\mu} P^{\nu\}}}{2m_N} \gamma^5 \right) \frac{1}{2} u(p, s). \end{aligned}$$



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Moments/FFs defined in previous slides can be used to decompose nucleon angular momentum to contributions from different partons!

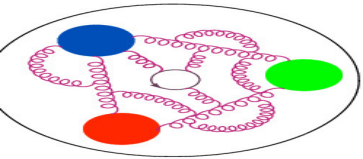
Ji's (gauge-invariant) decomposition: X. Ji, PRL78(1997)610

$$J_N = J_g + \sum_q \left( \frac{1}{2} \Delta \Sigma_q + L_q \right).$$

TOTAL
gluon  
AM
quark  
spin
quark  
OAM

Contributions:

- $J_{q/g} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ A_{20}^{q/g}(0) + B_{20}^{q/g}(0) \right]$  – unpolarized GFFs in the forward limit,
- $A_{20}^{q/g}(0) = \langle x \rangle_{q/g}$  – can be computed directly at zero momentum transfer,
- but  $B_{20}^{q/g}(0)$  need to be accessed as  $Q^2 \rightarrow 0$  limit of GFFs,
- decomposing quark  $J_q$  further: quark spin from  $\Delta \Sigma_q = g_A^q$ , quark OAM – indirectly as  $L^q = J^q - \frac{1}{2} \Delta \Sigma_q$ .



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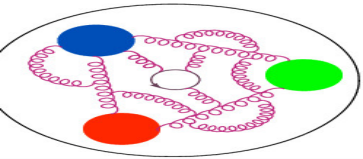
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Summary of what needs to be computed on the lattice:

- Quark and gluon momentum fractions –  $\langle x \rangle_{q/g}$  separately for each quark flavor and for gluons  $\rightarrow$  quark-disconnected diagrams.
- $B_{20}^{q/g}(Q^2)$  for several values of  $Q^2$  to reliably extrapolate to the forward limit  
one-derivative operators, again separately for each parton.
- Flavor decomposition of the axial charge  $g_A^q$   
simple MEs of the axial current, but again quark-disconnected diagrams.

**All of these require very non-trivial renormalization – mixing between quarks and gluons!**



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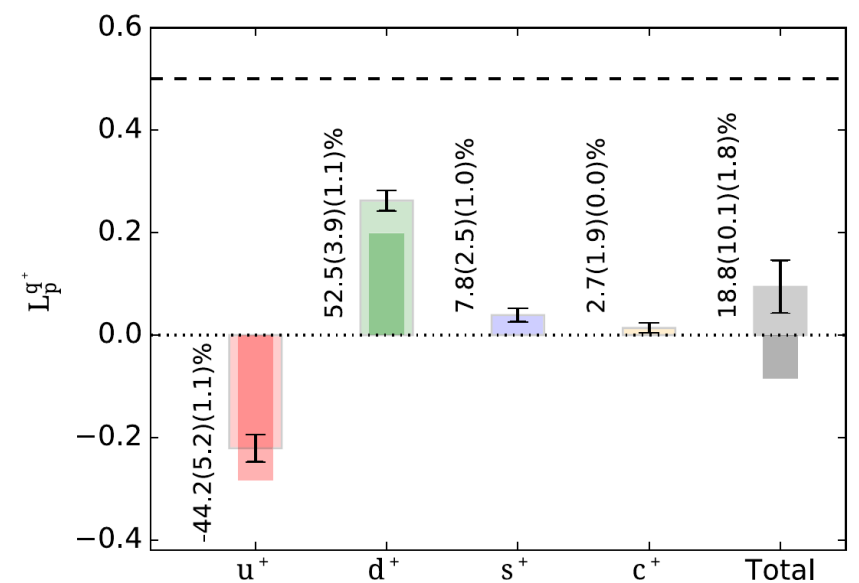
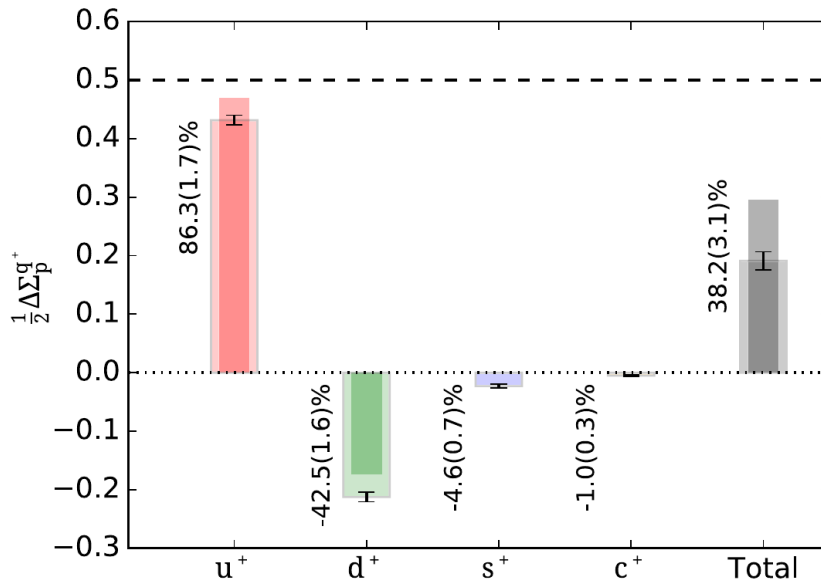
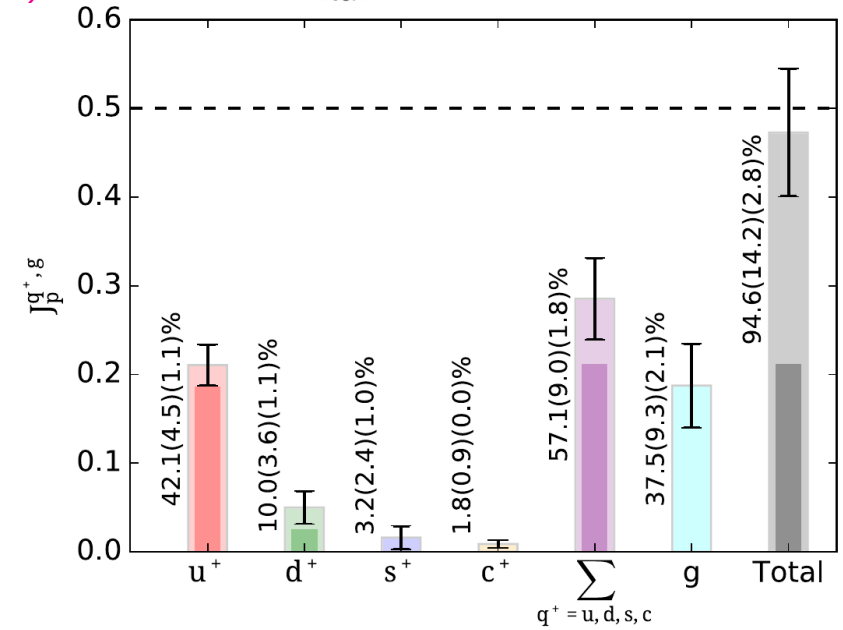
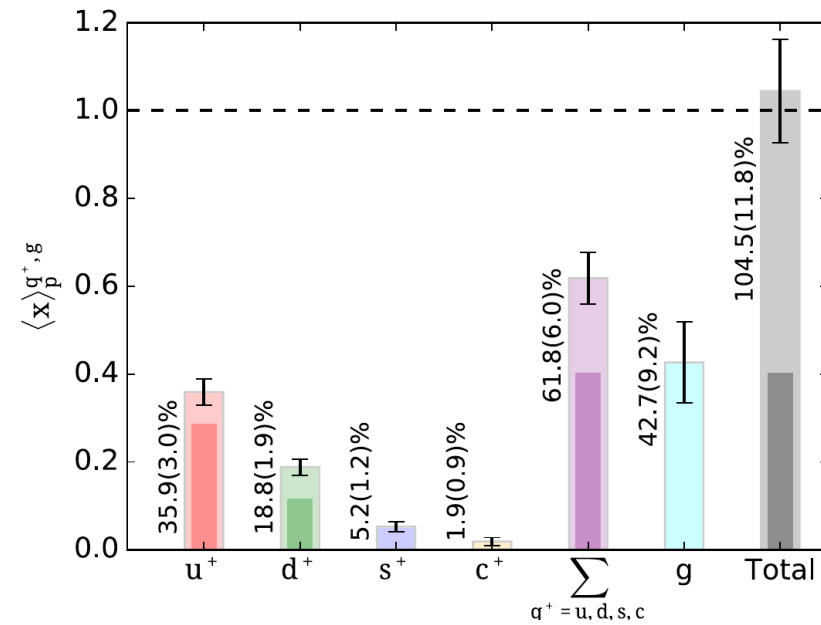
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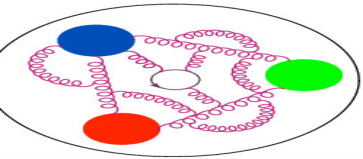
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As we have seen, lattice is quite successful in computing moments of PDFs/GPDs.

If we are interested in full  $x$ -dependent partonic distributions, we can just calculate higher moments and reconstruct the distributions.

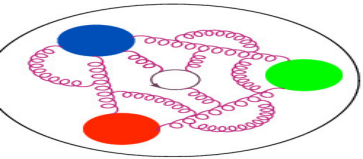
**WRONG!!!**

Higher moments are basically inaccessible, because:

- operators with more derivatives are very noisy,
- there is inevitable operator mixing with lower-dimensional operators.

Thus, one needs other approaches to access the  $x$ -dependence.

Actually, they have recently become available and are being very actively pursued.



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Definition of PDFs:

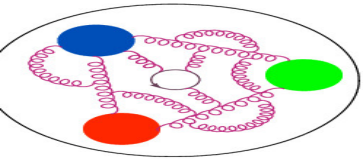
$$q(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int d\xi^- e^{-ixp^+\xi^-} \langle N | \bar{\psi}(\xi^-) \Gamma \mathcal{A}(\xi^-, 0) \psi(0) | N \rangle,$$

where:  $\xi^- = \frac{\xi^0 - \xi^3}{\sqrt{2}}$  and  $\mathcal{A}(\xi^-, 0)$  is the Wilson line from 0 to  $\xi^-$ .

It is given in terms of non-local light-cone correlators – intrinsically Minkowskian – **problem for the lattice!**

We say it is light-cone dominated – i.e. needs  $\xi^2 = \vec{x}^2 + t^2 \sim 0$  – very hard due to non-zero lattice spacing!

**Thus, an alternative approach is needed, formulated in terms of Euclidean matrix elements.**

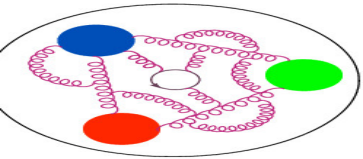


# Approaches to $x$ -dependence

- Recent years (since  $\approx 2013$ ): breakthrough in accessing  $x$ -dependence.
- The common feature of all the approaches is that they rely to some extent on the factorization framework:

$$\underset{\text{some lattice observable}}{Q(x, \mu_R)} = \int_{-1}^1 \frac{dy}{y} C\left(\frac{x}{y}, \mu_F, \mu_R\right) q(y, \mu_F),$$

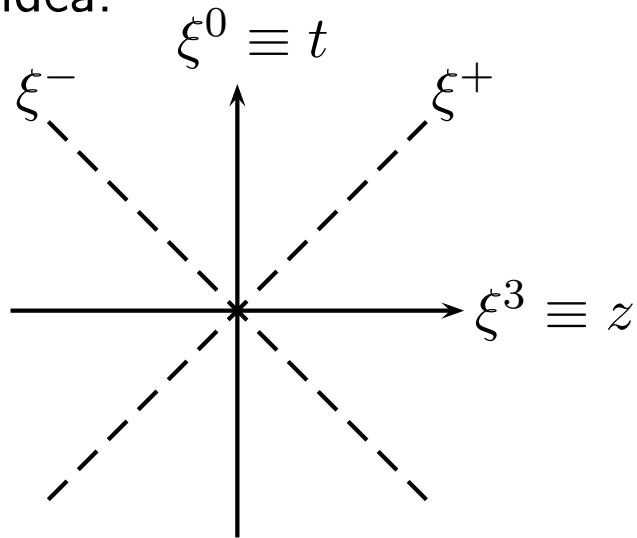
- Matrix elements:  $\langle N | \bar{\psi}(z) \Gamma F(z) \Gamma' \psi(0) | N \rangle$   
with different choices of  $\Gamma, \Gamma'$  Dirac structures and objects  $F(z)$ .
  - ★ **hadronic tensor** – K.-F. Liu, S.-J. Dong, 1993
  - ★ **auxiliary scalar quark** – U. Aglietti et al., 1998
  - ★ **auxiliary heavy quark** – W. Detmold, C.-J. D. Lin, 2005
  - ★ **auxiliary light quark** – V. Braun, D. Müller, 2007
  - ★ **quasi-distributions** – X. Ji, 2013
  - ★ “good lattice cross sections” – Y.-Q. Ma, J.-W. Qiu, 2014, 2017
  - ★ **pseudo-distributions** – A. Radyushkin, 2017
  - ★ “OPE without OPE” – QCDSF, 2017

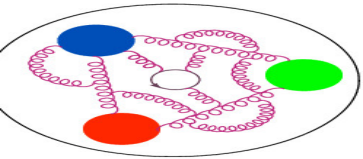


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Main idea:



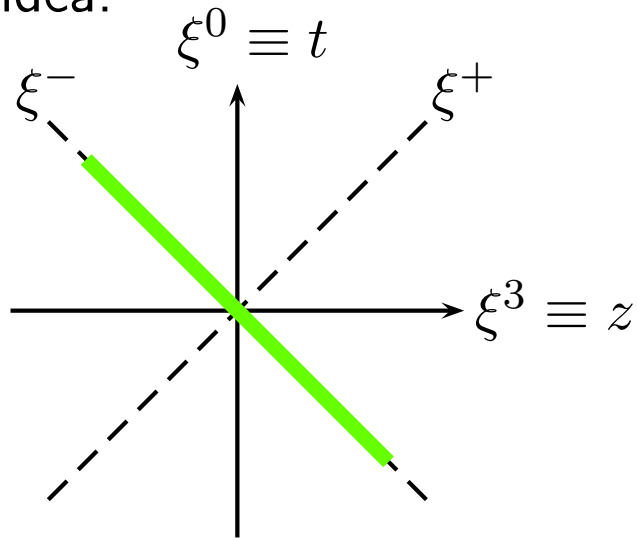


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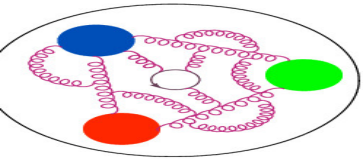
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Correlation along the  $\xi^-$ -direction:

$$q(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int d\xi^- e^{-ixp^+\xi^-} \langle N | \bar{\psi}(\xi^-) \Gamma \mathcal{A}(\xi^-, 0) \psi(0) | N \rangle$$

$|N\rangle$  – nucleon at rest in the light-cone frame

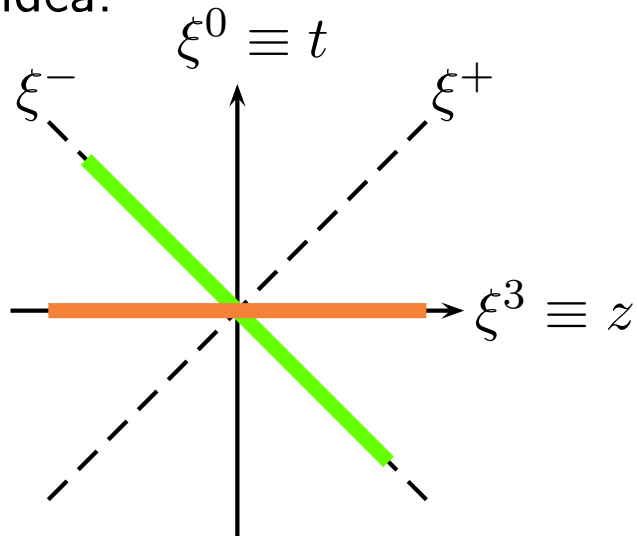


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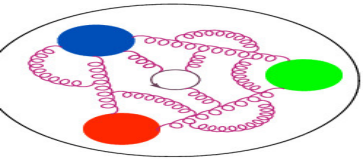
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Correlation along the  $\xi^3 \equiv z$ -direction:

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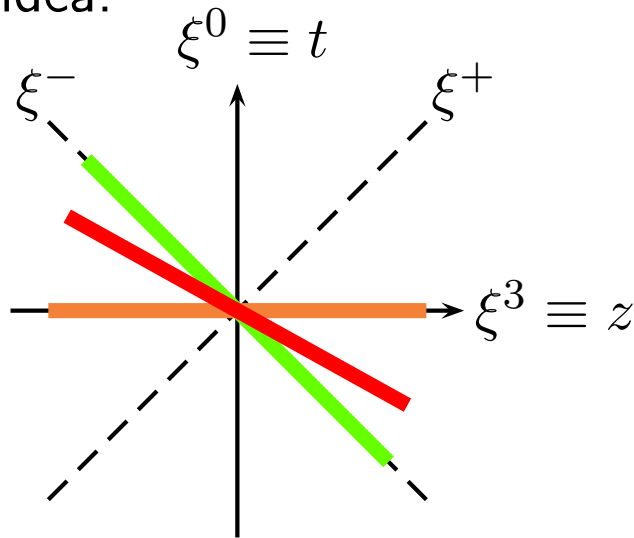
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X. Ji, *Parton Physics on a Euclidean Lattice*, Phys. Rev. Lett. **110** (2013) 262002

Main idea:



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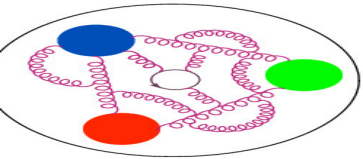
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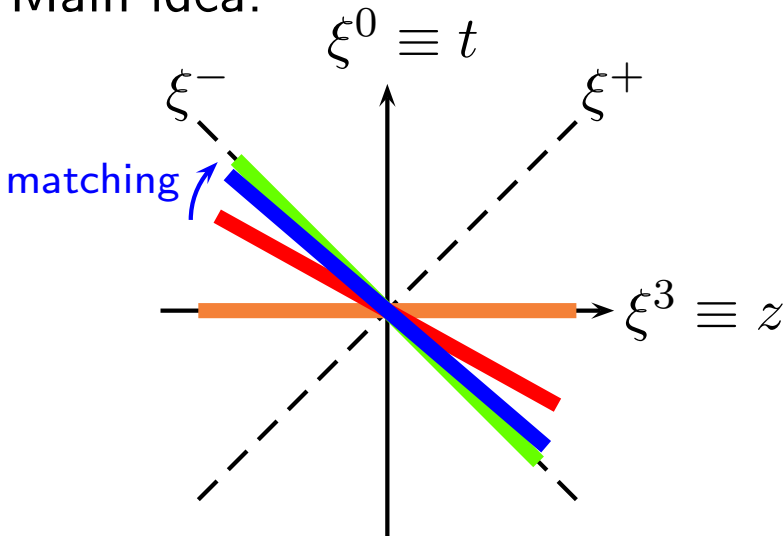
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## Matching (Large Momentum Effective Theory (LaMET))

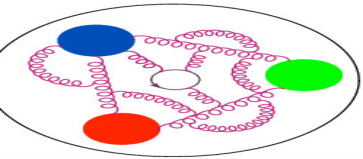
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→ brings quasi-distribution to the light-cone distribution, up to power-suppressed effects:

$$\tilde{q}(x, \mu, P_3) = \int_{-1}^1 \frac{dy}{|y|} C\left(\frac{x}{y}, \frac{\mu}{P_3}\right) q(y, \mu) + \mathcal{O}\left(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2/P_3^2, M_N^2/P_3^2\right)$$

quasi-PDF                      pert.kernel                      PDF                      higher-twist effects





# Quasi-PDFs vs. pseudo-PDFs

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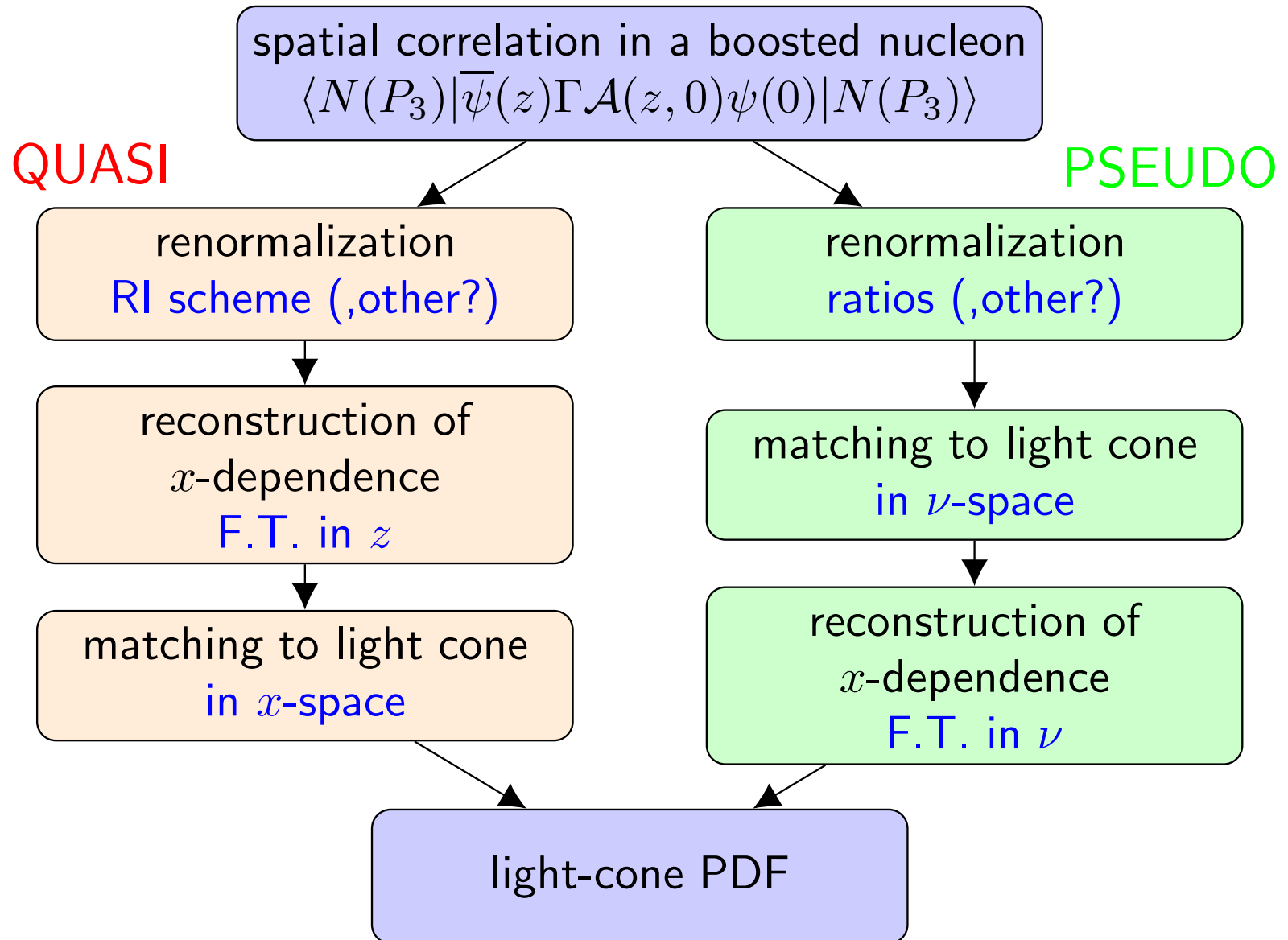
## Matrix elements

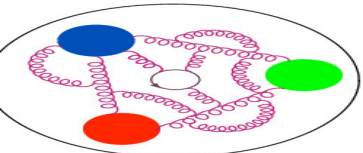
## EIC physics

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## Distributions

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# Current state-of-the-art: unpolarized PDFs



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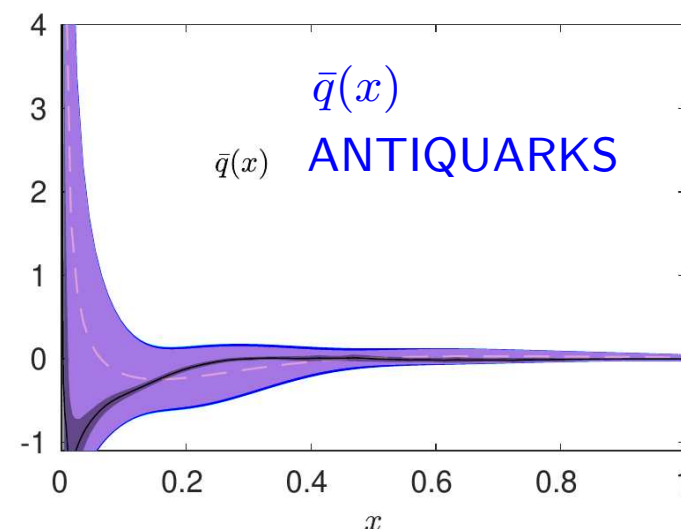
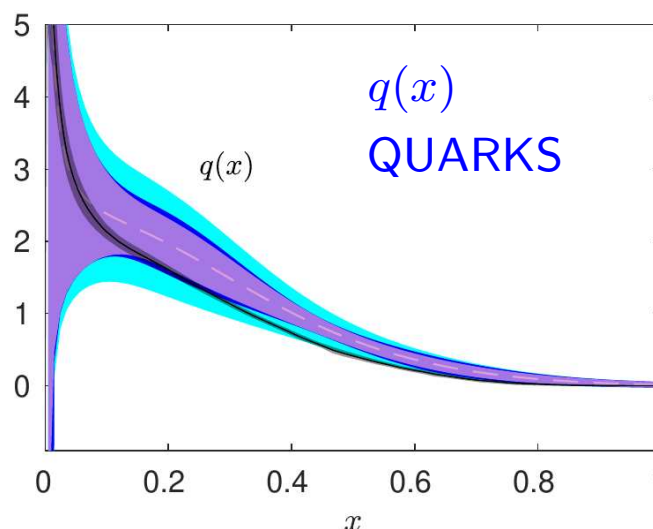
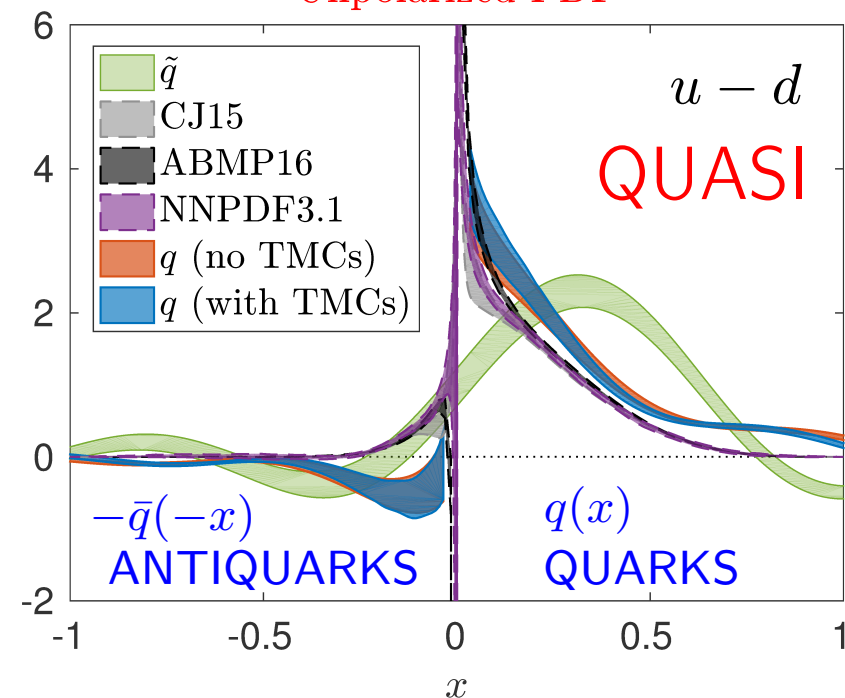
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Unpolarized PDF

$$Q^2 = 4 \text{ GeV}^2$$

PSEUDO

ETMC, Phys. Rev. D 103 (2021) 034510



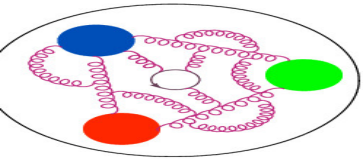
Qualitative agreement with pheno  
Systematics to be investigated

- cut-off effects
- truncation (matching)
- higher-twist effects
- reconstruction of  $x$ -dep.
- finite volume effects

Different approach starting from the same MEs  
Also: reconstruction using a pheno-inspired ansatz  
And: added plausible estimates of systematics

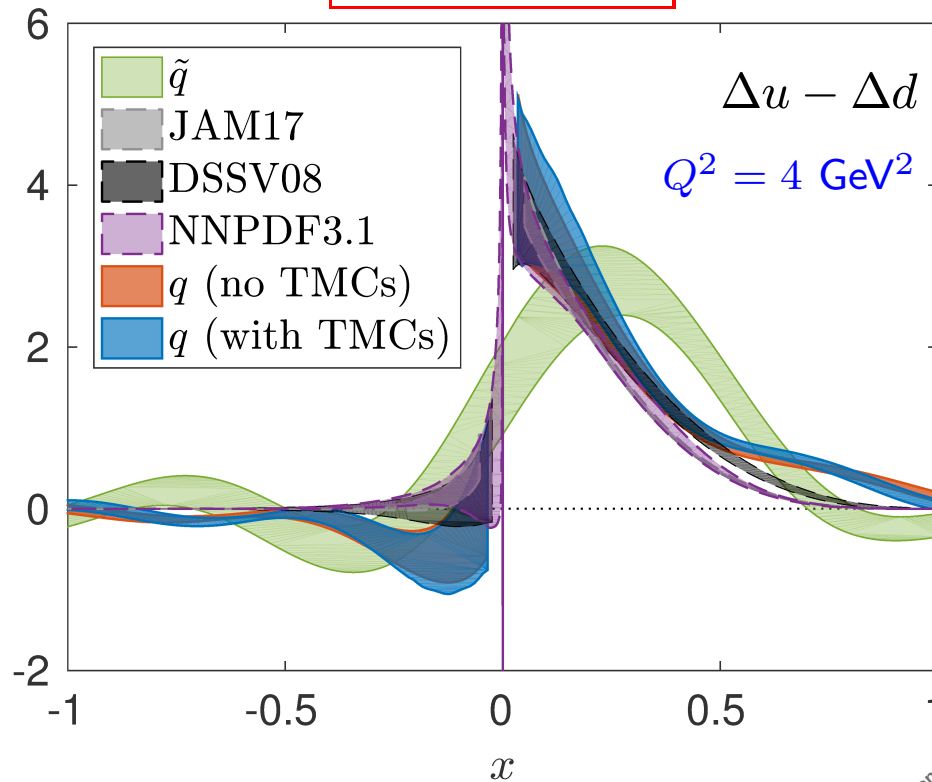
- purple – statistical error
- blue – quantified systematics
- cyan – estimated systematics

Quantitative agreement with phenomenology  
within stat. + plausible syst. error!



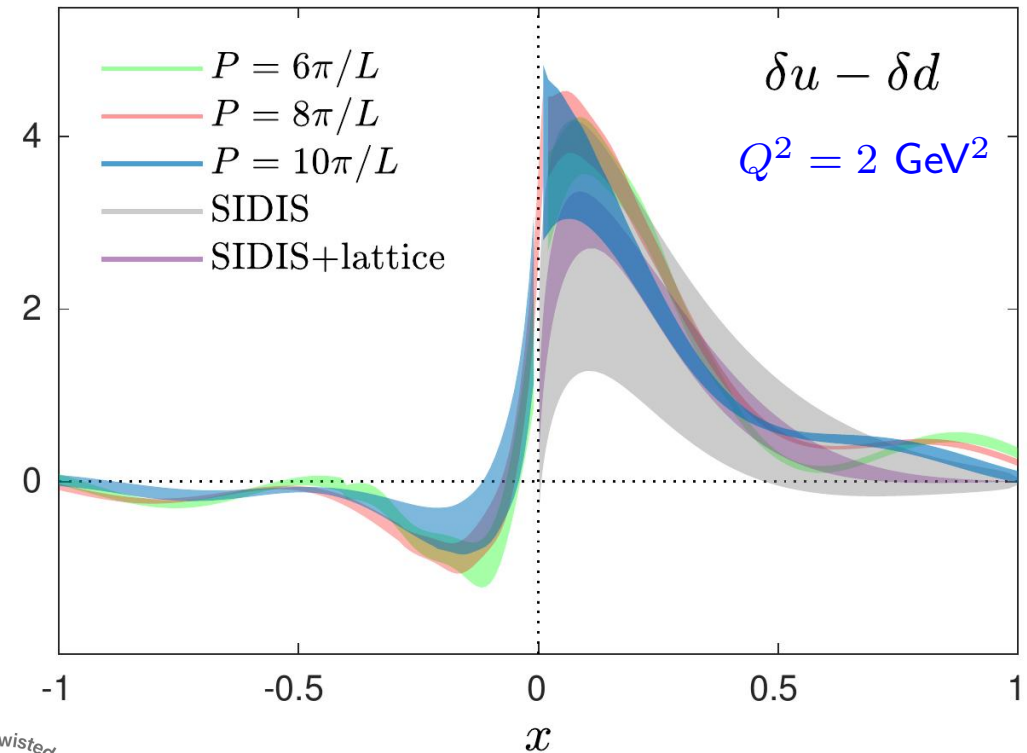
# Current state-of-the-art: polarized PDFs (quasi)

Helicity PDF



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Transversity PDF

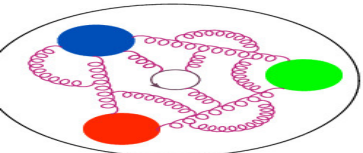


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Same comments as for unpolarized PDFs from quasi

However, note that LQCD can play an important role for transversity PDFs



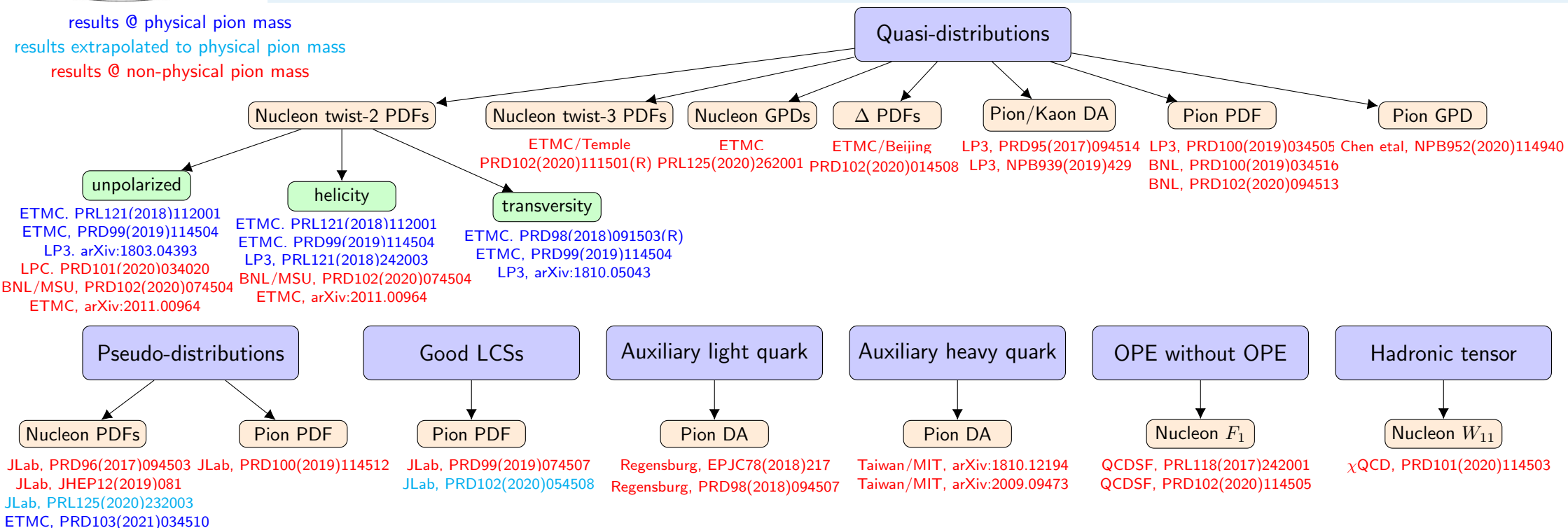
# Lattice PDFs/GPDs: dynamical progress



results @ physical pion mass

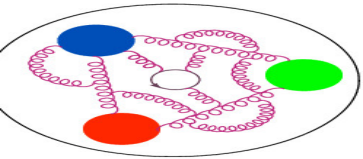
results extrapolated to physical pion mass

results @ non-physical pion mass



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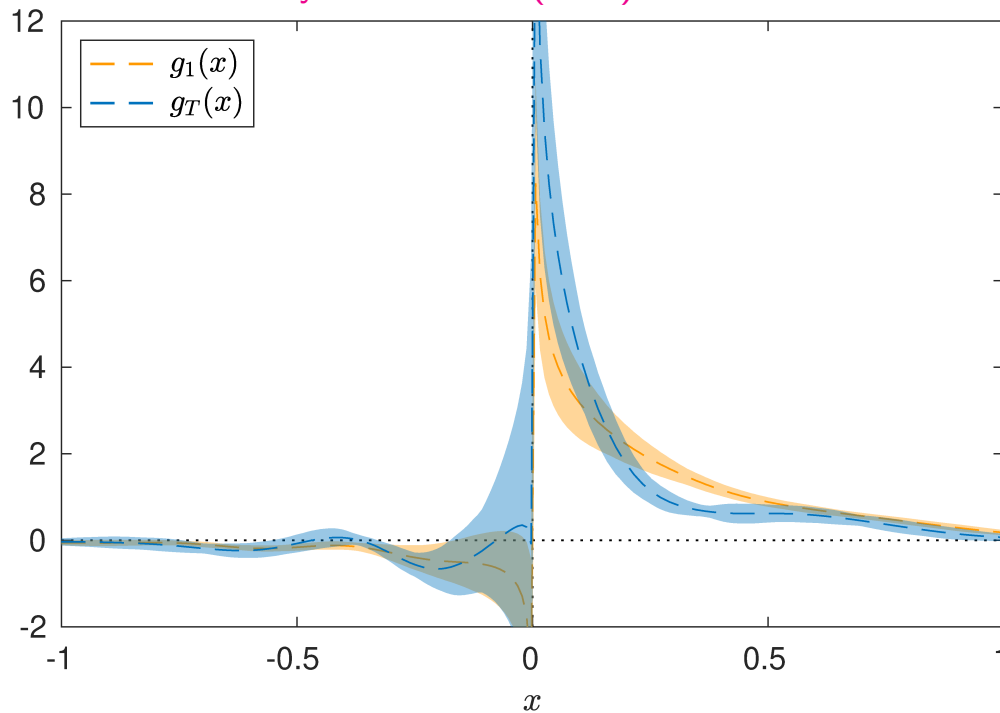
Some studies already advanced, but still full systematics needs to be investigated  
 Many exploratory directions: GPDs, twist-3 PDFs/GPDs, TMDs



# Exploratory direction: twist-3 PDF $g_T(x)$

Twist-2  $g_1$  vs. twist-3  $g_T$

S. Bhattacharya, K. Cichy, M. Constantinou, A. Metz  
A. Scapellato, F. Steffens  
Phys. Rev. D102 (2020) 034005  
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Burkhardt-Cottingham sum rule:

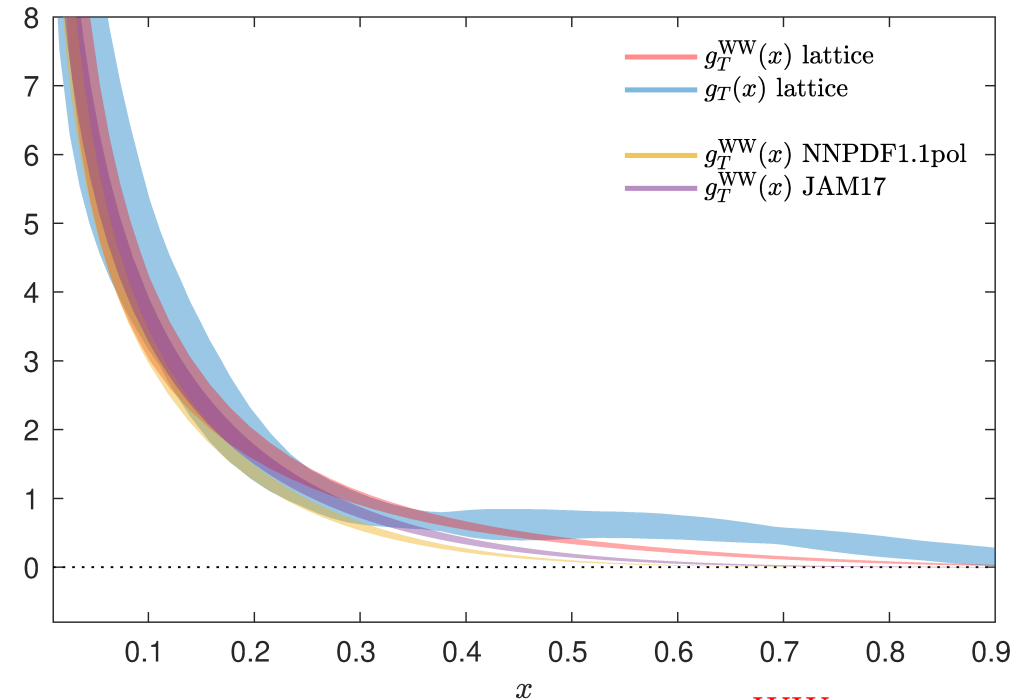
$$\int_{-1}^1 dx g_T(x) = \int_{-1}^1 dx g_1(x)$$

satisfied in our data.



Wandzura-Wilczek approx.: twist-3  $g_T(x)$   
fully determined by twist-2  $g_1(x)$ :

$$g_T^{WW}(x) = \int_x^1 \frac{dy}{y} g_1(y)$$



agreement between  $g_T(x)$  and  $g_T^{WW}(x)$

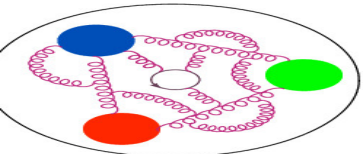
for  $x \lesssim 0.5$  within uncertainties

still: possible violation up to 30-40%

interestingly, similar possible violation (15-40%)

in experimental data analysis by JLab:

A. Accardi, A. Bacchetta, W. Melnitchouk, M. Schlegel, JHEP 11 (2009) 093



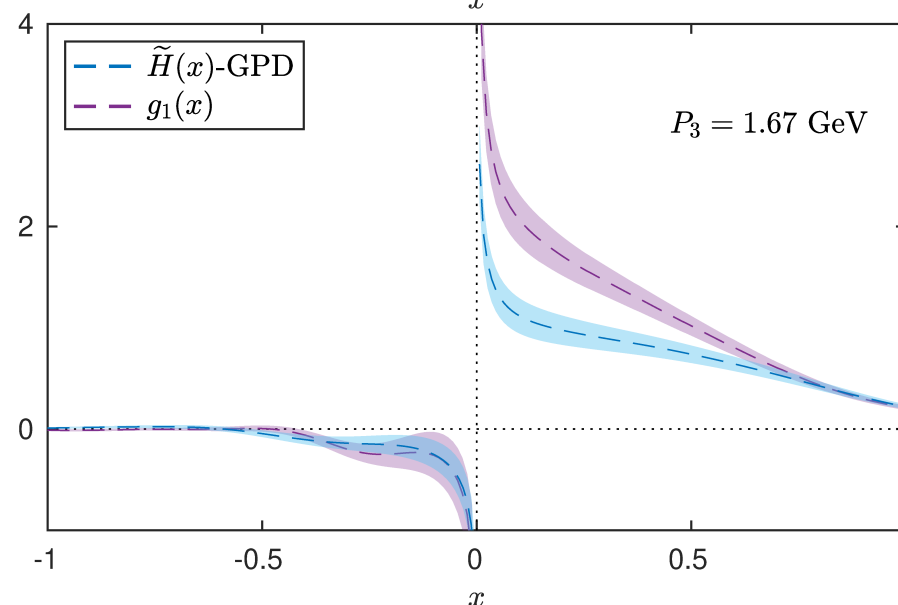
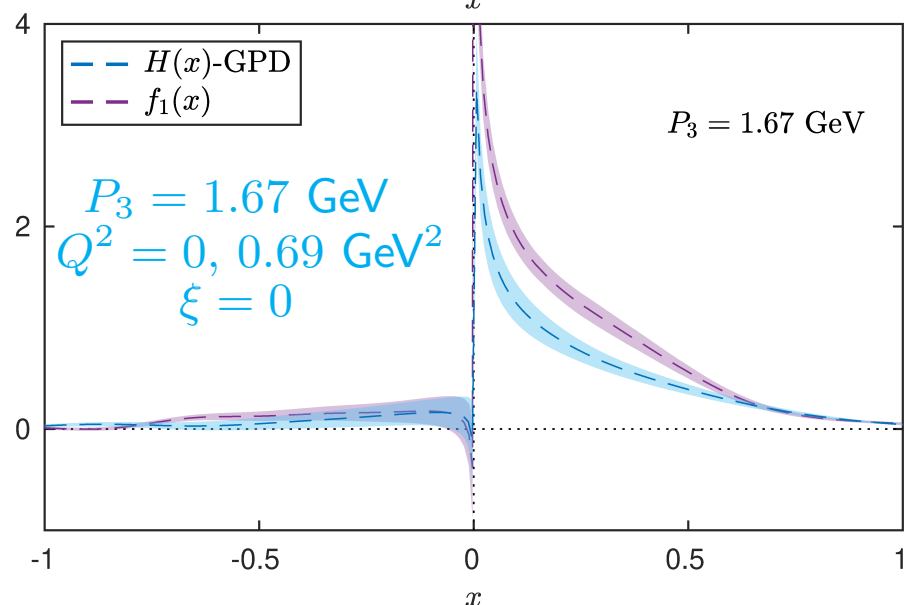
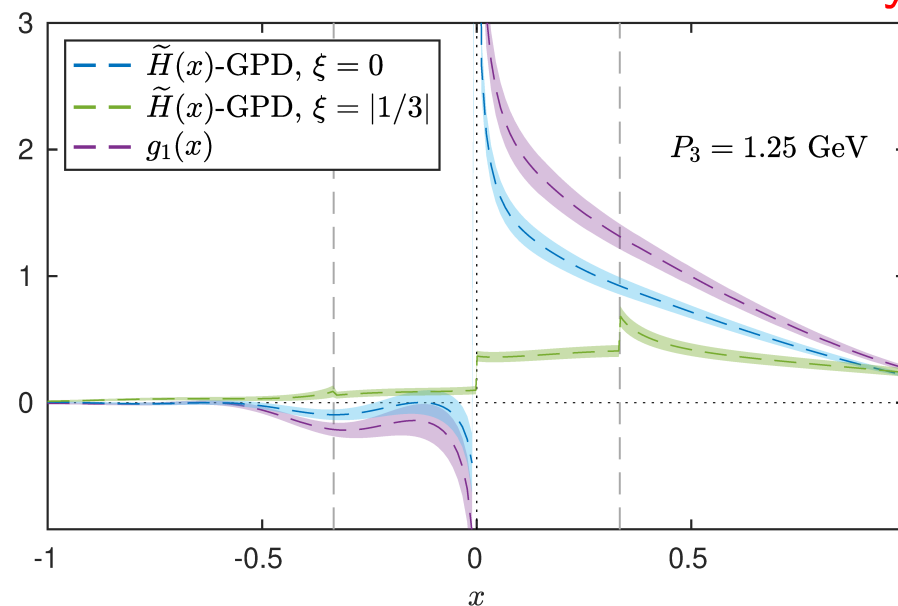
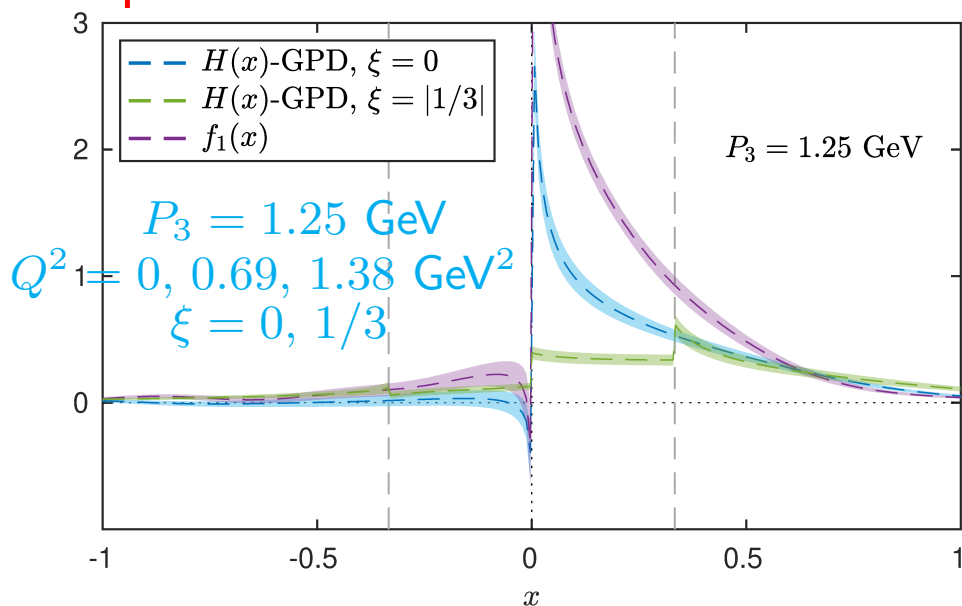
# Exploratory direction: GPDs



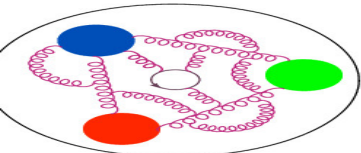
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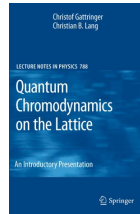
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**A Guide to Light-Cone PDFs from Lattice QCD:  
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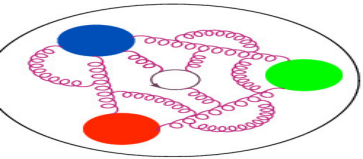
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review of LaMET and its applications



# Lattice QCD for EIC – main messages

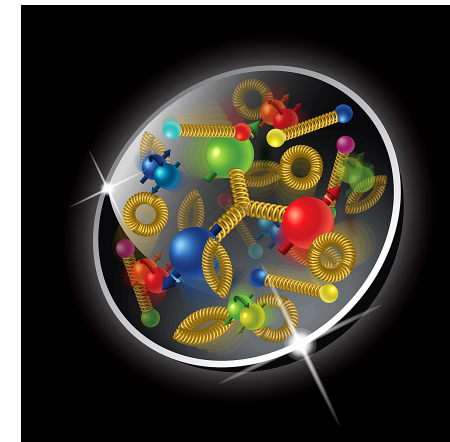
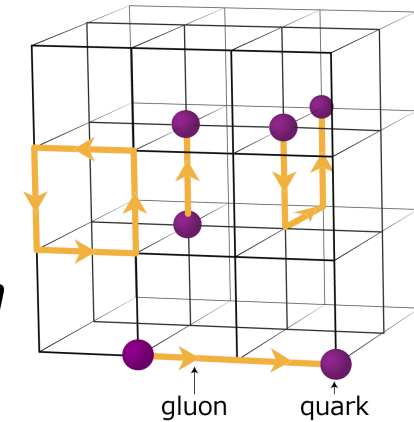
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- Lattice QCD offers a way for a careful *ab initio* study of non-perturbative aspects of QCD.
- But: pay attention to systematics!  
*cut-off effects, finite volume effects, excited states, quark mass effects, isospin breaking, renormalization*
- Precision vs. exploratory studies.
- Robust quantitative statements:  
*low moments, form factors.*  
Gives access e.g. to nucleon spin decomposition.
- $x$ -dependence: breakthrough in recent years, but a long way to go to solid quantitative statements.
- Many exploratory directions that will eventually lead to valuable information.
- Overall, expect complementary role of lattice.



Thank you for your attention!